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Firm to start work on Honest Profit's hotel in San Antonio

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Hong Kong-based Win Win Way Construction Co. is set to start the construction of a high-end resort hotel on Saipan with the arrival of a chartered ship carrying materials and equipment.

Daniel S. Buniag, special assistant for special projects under the Office of the Governor, disclosed that the ship, carrying about \$2 million to \$5 million

worth of supplies and equipment, is set to dock at the Saipan Port on Sunday evening.

Buniag said that Win Win
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Guam AG orders territory to now allow gay marriage

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam's attorney general on Wednesday directed officials to immediately begin processing same-sex-marriage applications, putting the island on course to be the first U.S. territory to allow gay marriage.

Attorney General Elizabeth

Barrett-Anderson's instructions came two days after a lesbian couple filed a legal challenge to the territory's marriage laws after they were barred from submitting an application for a license to wed.

But Leo Casil, the acting
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Woman hurt in home invasion

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A woman sustained several injuries when an ex-convict allegedly broke into her apartment unit, threatened to rape her and punched and slashed her body with a knife during an attempted robbery in southern Garapan on Tuesday morning.

The suspect, Fermin Manuel

Q. Castro, 27, was arrested after the victim identified him as a former neighbor.

A responding police officer reported that the victim had a black eye, swollen left eye, swollen forehead and left side of the head, and scrape marks and cuts on the right shoulder and elbow.

Castro was taken to Superior

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Flores' widow sues for missing \$200K CD

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The widow of the late Saipan mayor Donald Glenn P. Flores has filed a \$40-million lawsuit for fraud over a bank managers' alleged unauthorized release of Flores' money from his \$200,000 time certificate of deposit to a person misrep-

resenting him.

Cecilia U. Flores, through former judge Juan T. Lizama, is suing Union Bank of California and its former employees, Victoria Borja Concepcion and Ken Kato.

Cecilia Flores is demanding \$20 million in damages from Union Bank and \$20 million in

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FINAL RUSH

Community members wait in line to file their taxes yesterday afternoon at the Revenue and Tax office in Dandan. Yesterday was the last day for people to file their taxes.

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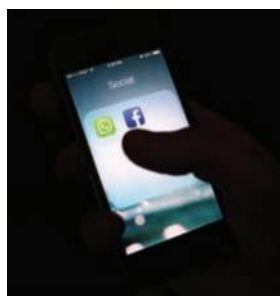
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'Rejection of extension of DEIS review will be injustice'

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In asking for more time to review the draft environmental impact statement on proposed U.S. military activities in the CNMI, a lawmaker said that rejecting this request would be an "injustice" to the people.

In a letter dated April 14 addressed to Craig Whelden, executive director of U.S. Marine Corps, Forces Pacific, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) said

extending the time to review the draft "will allow the Commonwealth to avail of the funding assistance provided by [the Office of Insular Affairs] so that we can engage the assistance of the most qualified consultants that specialize in these matters such as those contained in the draft EIS/OEIS."

The letter was also signed by Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), who heads the Senate Committees on Federal and Foreign Affairs. Demapan

chairs the House counterpart of the committee.

The draft calls for only 60 days to review the 1,000-plus-page document. The two lawmakers asked for six months.

Demapan said the additional time would allow lawmakers "to formulate the true sentiment of the people, the government, and other stakeholders in the CNMI."

"We have made clear our position that this is a matter that will dramatically alter the

landscape of our way of life here. The people of the Commonwealth deserve nothing less than the opportunity to be afforded ample time to ensure that no stone is left unturned in this process. I sincerely hope that the Department of Defense will heed the request we have submitted. Any decision to contrary would simply be a tremendous injustice to the people of the Commonwealth," Demapan said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos had also

asked for a six-month extension of the review period on the draft EIS.

Funding

The Department of the Interior announced on April 13 a technical assistance grant of \$250,000 to the Office of the Governor to hire environmental experts to review the draft EIS. The funds are appropriated by Congress and allows the department to respond to "critical needs in the insular areas for which local

funds are not available."

In this case there is a critical need for expertise to evaluate plans to develop live-fire ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan as part of the U.S. military's shift of forces in the Asia-Pacific region, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

At the Senate, meanwhile, Igisomar said lawmakers will work on assisting Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan for a \$75,000 funding to study the draft EIS, particularly on Pagan.

Igisomar said the budget will be used to hire a group to do the study on the EIS. He said a group from Guam is being eyed to conduct the study.

Pagan is part of the Northern Islands. The draft EIS indicated that "inert" bombs will be dropped on the islands as part of proposed military exercises.

MITT out in coming weeks

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Adding more impact documents for the CNMI to review, the Mariana Island Training and Testing's final environmental impact statement is due in the next few weeks, though no exact date has been set yet, according to Joint Region Marianas public affairs officer Lt. Tim Gorman.

The final environmental impact statement comes on top of other impact documents in draft review for military training activity in the CNMI. The MITT draft EIS describes ranges and training areas on the islands of Guam, Rota, Saipan, Tinian, and Farallon de Medinilla.

Expansive airspace, surface sea space, and underwater sea space are also described for this training.

According to consultation documents between the Navy and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, the Navy would train in the Cowtown area of Saipan. This "urban warfare training" would maneuver in the existing environment with no construction, clearing, or helicopter use.

Military activities on Rota would involve amphibious raids using swimming or rubber craft. This training would be "infrequent" and be coordinated with local authorities.

"Substantial increases" in the explosive detonations at Farallon De Medinilla are also proposed in the military's two action alternatives.

BECQ is expected to review the FEIS when it is out. After a formal comment period, the secretary of the Navy will issue a Record of Decision.



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Northern Marianas College officials and members of TASA, a non-profit group, have their picture taken after announcing that they will be presented with the World Health Organization's "best practices" award for their community health outreach program.

NMC and TASA to receive WHO 'best practice' award

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Seeds of health are being planted in the northern villages of the island.

And for this effort, the Northern Marianas College has been chosen to receive the World Health Organization's "Healthy Islands Best Practice" award. They are winners for their submission, "TASA Role Models."

TASA, a non-profit group, stands for the villages of Tanapag, Achugao, San Roque, and As Matuis. Together, the

college and TASA aim to reduce childhood obesity in these villages by rebuilding playgrounds, sidewalks, and loaning balls, cones, and jump ropes to families so they can exercise.

Health tip sheets and signboard were also shared with village families. The college even got I-Mart, a village store, to include a fruit and vegetable section it never had before.

These efforts were part of funding through NMC's Co-operative Research Extension and Education Service, specifically their Children's Healthy

Living Program.

In a news briefing yesterday, TASA's Eileen Babauta credited the CHL program for making them active. "CHL helped us bring all of what was in our minds to reality," she said.

TASA's Chailang Palacios said this is "all about helping young children" physically, mentally, and spiritually.

When TASA started back in 1983, she said, there was "taya" coconut water or water bottles for kids to drink; just a lot of beer and soda.

"Now you have more choices," she said, noting that in the last 30 years, she has seen improvement in the CNMI.

NMC-CREES dean Tim Kock, referring to the CHL's grant funding, said that grants aren't sustainable but planting seeds in the communities are. That's what they did with TASA.

"The seed has been planted in the community. If it's going to grow, it is going to grow through the community," Kock said. "Making it part of the community is what makes it sustainable."

CREES connected I-Mart with local farmers to "build bridges" between stores and farmers that grow produce on a sustainable scale.

Kock said they want to teach farmers of nutritious crops that can still be profitable in the market.

NMC and TASA representatives are en route to Fiji to accept the award at the Pacific Health Ministers Meeting. TASA also will receive \$10,000 to continue their efforts.

NMC thanks the Public School System, the Division of Public Health, and I-Mart for their partnerships.

Marijuana hearing continues; public voices same concerns

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A public hearing on the proposed medical marijuana bill on Tuesday night at the House chamber on Capital Hill drew a smaller number of comments but many were essentially similar to the ones submitted Friday last week.

The hearing for Senate Bill 19-06, which seeks to legalize the medicinal use of marijuana in the Commonwealth, was the second to be held on Saipan, with two more public hearings

to be held on Tinian on April 29 and April 30.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), who introduced S.B. 19-06, said there were about 20 participants in the hearing and about five or six comments.

The questions were also essentially the same.

The hearing was shorter than the previous public forum but it was a tad more interesting, largely because of a "lively" discussion between lawmakers and recreational marijuana use advocate Ambrose Bennett.

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-

Saipan) said he had to request the committee head to cut short Bennett's comments because he was already ranting and has exceeded his time allocation.

Bennett has been very vocal about supporting marijuana legalization, not just for medicinal but recreational purposes.

Palacios said Bennett may have crossed a line by overextending his allotted time and the contents of his comments, most of which were directed to the legislators.

Igisomar described Bennett's comments as "harsh."

Prior to the Saipan hearings, the senator requested the public to focus their comments on the medicinal use of marijuana, because this is what S.B. 19-06 is about.

Friday hearing

The first hearing on the proposed bill was held Friday, with most of the attendees favoring the proposed legislation.

The public hearing, held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, drew a sizable crowd, and most of the testimonies favored the proposed marijuana legislation.

About 100 people showed up at the hearing, which took three hours to finish.

According to Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota), there were 27 testimonies in favor of the proposed legislation and three testimonies against it.

Santos, who chairs the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, said the three dissenting votes called for more studies and clarifications of the proposed bill.

The favorable responses were varied, as some wanted to allow the medicinal use of marijuana, while some favored its recreational use.

MVA's exit survey ongoing; 2,200 surveyed so far

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The Marianas Visitors Authority's exit survey for tourists is

still ongoing, according to MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres. The exit survey will provide data on the economic impact of tourism on the CNMI.

Torres said the company contracted to do the survey, Guam-based Market Research and Development, Inc., is doing the survey at the Francisco C. Ada

International Airport.

About 2,200 have been surveyed as of April 13. Torres said their goal is to survey at least 3,500 tourists.

"Our goal is to capture tourism information on what they did here on the CNMI such as their satisfaction ratings and expenditure by the end of this fiscal year," Torres said.

The exit survey will show demographic data such as age groups coming in, satisfaction, prices, expenditure, and other relevant information. There are about 49 questions on the survey—all multiple choice.

Torres said the first set is done, covering the period from October last year to January 2015. The second set is done as well but still needs to be reviewed before any information is released.

Market Research uses five to eight employees to survey tourists at the airport. The contract

ends on Sep. 30 of this year and MVA has the option to renew.

Torres said they are doing the survey using iPads and in four different languages.

The survey will also provide MVA qualitative information on visitors, a more in-depth data highly needed for the tourism industry. Surveys weren't done in 2012 and 2013 due to limited funding.

With this new survey nearly finished, updated in-depth information of the CNMI's tourists will be available to the public and stakeholders.

"The survey is really important because tourism is our main source of income and getting the results from tourists is necessary and important for stakeholders in the CNMI," said Torres.

KCHC eyes expansion due to growing number of patients

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The Kagman Community Health Center is looking to expand its facilities due to its increasing number of patients, according to board chair Velma Palacios. However, there is no specific timeframe on when the expansion will occur.

"Our goal is to expand our services, basically expand KCHC, because there are so many patients there is no place to sit, especially on a Saturday. We also want to expand to different areas on Saipan," Palacios said.

"Hopefully we can also expand to Rota and Tinian because everyone deserves the best health care. It is a shame that we continue to go off-island," she added.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres earlier said the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos is planning to open community health centers on Rota and Tinian.

Since KCHC opened in April 2013, the number of people who have availed of its services has increased exponentially. KCHC served 693 patients in its first year of operation. This doubled to about 1,338 patients in 2014. The total since then has reached

about 4,008 visits, according to Palacios.

"Even within that two-year period our numbers had doubled and majority of our patients are on Medicaid," she said.

Out of the 1,338 patients served last year, about 938 were on Medicaid, 196 were uninsured, 178 used private insurance, and 26 were under Medicare.

Palacios said the Kagman center gets 100 percent reimbursement from Medicaid.

"That's why we encourage those under Medicaid to come out here and use the center. It benefits everybody and it is a win-win situation. We serve patients from all over the island and it is not exclusively for Kagman residents only; it's for the island," she said.

Palacios noted that KCHC serves patients of all ages. The largest group of KCHC patients in 2014 was within the ages of 0 to 14, with about 674 served. The next is 18 to 64 years old, which totaled 618.

"The numbers are growing because we are making a difference. The community has access to primary care services close by and we want to see the community take advantage of that. We want the increase in numbers of our services to the

community," she said.

KCHC provides outreach programs to schools, visits other community organizations in the area, and have done sports physicals. Palacios said they plan to work with Kagman schools since all of them have no nurses.

KCHC executive director Vince Castro said the three-year grant they got would help with KCHC services and expansion plans. They received \$875,000

this year; that will go up to \$918,000 in the next two years.

"This includes running KCHC, supplies, and our staffs. Last year we had two additional grants and added staffs. We added two for outpatient enrollment where we help patients apply for Medicaid. What this means now is that we can actually sit down and work on our strategic plan for the future and hopefully we can grow our patient census next year," he said.

Saipan mayor seeks a higher budget to hire more workers

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The Saipan Mayor's Office budget proposal for fiscal year 2015 seeks to hire more full-time employees, or FTEs, as community workers, according to Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider.

The Mayor's Office originally asked for \$3.04 million for fiscal year 2016. However, in the budget proposal that Gov. Eloy S. Inos submitted to the Legislature, this was cut down to \$1.64 million—a reduction of about \$1.39 million.

With the \$1.6 million proposed budget, majority of that—a total of \$1,205,561—will have to go to personnel costs, Hofschneider said.

Right now, the Mayor's Office has 39 employees and is looking to add nine more employees, which will total 48. The nine employees will add to the number of community workers the Mayor's Office has. There are over 20 community workers at the Mayor's Office.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang earlier said the increased number of community workers would help with the priorities he

has set for the office.

Apatang seeks increase the number of cleanups, road repairs, and other services his office provides.

He said not a lot could be done with the limited number of community workers they have, since the office is currently focused on an islandwide cleanup and the stray dog removal campaign.

Hofschneider said the \$3 million they initially requested was supposed to be used to improve existing facilities and get new heavy equipment.

"Some of the existing facilities are dilapidated and no one can go near those because of the dilapidated roofs. It is dangerous for them," Hofschneider said.

The other part of the budget—\$443,435—will go to other costs such as rentals, professional services such as training and help from professionals, travels, repairs and maintenance, utilities, supplies, and other necessary needs for operations.

Hofschneider said they are communicating with the Saipan and Northern Island Delegation to lobby for a bigger budget for the office.



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Ad hoc committee for Japan market seeks help on funds

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Members of the ad hoc Japan committee of the Marianas Visitors Authority have approached lawmakers to seek funding assistance.

An ad hoc committee works with the MVA on a specific source market for tourism. The MVA has different ad hoc committees for Japan, China, Korea, and Russia—all working to bring in tourists from these source markets.

Most of the members of these ad hoc committees are not MVA employees and represent the country they came from.

According to Rep. Joseph “Lee Pan” Guerrero (R-Saipan), members of the ad hoc Japan met with lawmakers Wednesday

to discuss funding concerns.

“There were five Japanese citizens (all members of the ad hoc committee) who met with us,” Guerrero, who chairs the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said.

He did not name the ad hoc

members but disclosed that the group is looking at how to increase funding for its future activities. The funding will come from the MVA, Guerrero said.

The ad hoc Japan committee fund was said to be \$300,000 per quarter, and as of the July to September 2014 quarter, \$200,000 out of the amount was used up.

The committee now wants the remaining \$100,000 fund to be carried over or added to the usual \$300,000 quarterly fund for October to December 2014.

However, the fund was not given, Guerrero said.

The lawmaker said he needs to clarify how these funds are given, and if there are letters or agreements between the ad hoc committees and the MVA itself regarding these funds.

He said he will call for a committee meeting, followed by a meeting with the MVA board to discuss the concerns.

Guerrero further said the ad hoc Japan committee also bared projects to attract Japanese tourists, including a marathon to be attended by Japanese celebrities.

He said some 200 to 300 Japanese tourists are expected to attend the event, planned for Aug. 29.

A charter flight from Haneda Airport, which Guerrero said is more convenient for Japanese tourists, is also being planned.

“We see that the Japanese market is going down [in terms of visits]. So we need to support these projects in order to bring back the tourists,” Guerrero said.

WOMAN

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Court yesterday morning on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and burglary.

Citing the seriousness of the charges and Castro’s criminal history, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman increased Castro’s bail from the original \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Wiseman said the court considers Castro a danger to the community and a menace to society. He noted that Castro had just been convicted of assault and battery in a 2013 case.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas asked for the increased bail amount as Castro also made a threat of sexual assault on the victim.

Police detective Daniel Maliuyaf stated in his report that a police officer was dispatched on Tuesday at 5:56am to a reported burglary and theft in progress at the Sablan Apartment near Gold Beach Hotel.

When the officer arrived, neighbors led him to the room of the victim, who stated that a burglar entered her room and assaulted her. The officer no-



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Fermin Manuel Q. Castro, right, walks with corrections officers outside the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman after a bail hearing yesterday. Castro allegedly beat up and attacked with a knife a woman during an attempted robbery at her house in Garapan on Tuesday morning. Also in the photo is Johnny Basiente John, who was arrested for allegedly stealing a woman’s wallet containing \$7,000 cash at a massage parlor in Garapan.

ticed the victim’s injuries and signs of struggle in the room.

The victim identified the suspect as Castro, who used to be a tenant in the apartment.

The victim told police that she woke up early Tuesday morning and opened the slid-

ing door because it was very cold then and she went back to bed.

Someone then jumped on top of her and covered her mouth and pointed a knife at her neck. The suspect instructed her not to shout and to give

him money or he would sexually assault her.

She told the suspect she had to get up to get the money from her luggage. The suspect at first let her go but then punched her several times in the face so she begged him not to kill her and that she would give him the money.

The victim then kicked the suspect and ran toward the living room, shouting for help. The burglar chased her and pulled her neck and hair.

During the struggle, the suspect hit the victim on the right shoulder with a knife. He then ran out of the balcony and jumped down to the first floor, landing on his buttocks.

The victim had a good look at the burglar and identified him as Castro after his shirt’s hood got removed in the struggle.

Castro ran away, limping. The victim kept shouting for help, then neighbors came.

In November 2013, Wiseman sentenced Castro to 30 days in prison for assault and battery. In that case, Castro choked his pregnant girlfriend during an argument at their apartment behind Gold Beach Hotel on Sept. 28, 2013.

able to make the regular payments to their home mortgage.

“As a result, plaintiff Cecilia Flores is now a month to month tenant at her very own home,” he said.

Lizama disclosed that Kato testified in his deposition that Donald himself took the \$200,000 from the CD.

The lawyer said Kato and Concepcion were both employees of Union Bank as general manager and assistant manager, respectively.

Lizama said Kato took Concepcion on her words and joined her in the concealment of the closure of the CD.

Lizama said from 1998 to April 10, 2013, Concepcion and Kato withheld the information of closure of the CD from the Flores couple.

Lizama said because of Kato’s concealment, Mrs. Flores was prevented from calling on the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other agency to investigate who the caller was.

The lawyer said Union Bank should be held vicariously liable for Kato’s fraud.

In 2011, Donald filed a lawsuit in federal court against Union Bank of California and FHB for allegedly refusing to return the principal and interest earned on the CD. This case is now pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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damages from Concepcion and Kato, on top of court costs and attorney’s fees.

Donald Flores passed away in June 2014.

According to the lawsuit, Cecilia Flores recalled her husband, Donald Flores, walked into the Union Bank Oleai Branch with the intention of cashing a check from a land transaction, in the amount of \$280,000.

Of the total amount of the check, she said Donald told bank officer Lourdes Salas Deleon Guerrero to take out \$80,000 in cash and use the \$200,000 to open a certificate of deposit in his name.

Donald then obtained a certificate of deposit, or CD, issued by the bank and signed by Deleon Guerrero.

Cecilia Flores said when they left the bank, her husband handed her the CD for safekeeping.

The couple then went to California because of Mrs. Flores’ kidney illness. The couple returned to Saipan in 1998.

That same year, the couple went to Union Bank to check on the CD, but Deleon Guerrero told Donald that there’s no record about his CD and asked him to instead bring his CD certificate.

Cecilia Flores said she, however, could not remember where she kept the CD in their house.

In May 2001, First Hawaiian Bank took over Union Bank Saipan.

Cecilia Flores then found the CD inside one of the family collection of books in March 2008.

The couple contacted FHB for an appointment to see Concepcion, who was one of the Union Bank employees whose employment continued with FHB.

Lizama said after the couple showed the original copy of the CD, Concepcion checked the bank’s record and later told them the bank did not have a record of such CD.

Lizama said Concepcion tried to comfort the couple by suggesting that she would look again through the boxes of the bank records and that she would call them in a few days.

To their dismay, Concepcion did not call back. After a week, the couple went back to the bank and Concepcion told them to instead contact Union Bank in California.

Lizama said FHB has denied that the CD was transferred by Union Bank to FHB.

In 2011, Donald, through counsel, wrote again a letter to FHB, but the bank denied the transfer of the CD.

Lizama said Kato was the manager of Union Bank when

Donald purchased the CD in 1993 and was still the manager of the bank in February 1998 when Donald was told that his CD record could not be found.

Lizama said Kato was employed by FHB in March 2008 when Cecilia Flores found the original CD.

Lizama said that, according to Concepcion in her deposition on April 11, 2013, someone had made a phone call to her at Union Bank identifying himself to be Donald Flores. Concepcion said the person instructed her to cash Donald’s CD and then she closed the amount.

Lizama said Concepcion admitted she sent the money to the caller either through mail or through transfer to Donald’s account at Union Bank.

Lizama said Donald was not the person who called, and not the person who received the money, nor was the money transferred to his account.

Lizama said as a result of Concepcion’s intentional concealment, Mrs. Flores suffered loss of her one-half share of the CD in the amount of \$100,000, plus accrued interest.

Lizama said because of Union Bank’s refusal to pay her husband the \$200,000 and the interest earned, the couple was forced to quitclaim their home in As Lito to the Commonwealth Development Authority as they became financially un-

FIRM

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Way representatives will meet with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other government officials for a welcoming ceremony to be held on Tuesday.

Expected to meet with Inos are Elaine Kwok, the company’s project manager and Kan Hou-Sek Jim, company president and technical director.

Buniag also said Win Win Way has already leased a piece of property in Lower Base that it will use to construct a warehouse and a batching plant.

The construction is then expected to go “in full swing.”

Saipan Resort Hotel

Win Win Way Construction is the main contractor for Hong Kong-based Honest Profit International Ltd.

In September 2014, Honest Profit International held a groundbreaking for its \$130-million, 300-room hotel

in San Antonio.

The hotel is seen to help solve the lack of hotel rooms on Saipan, particularly in peak seasons when tourists flock to the island.

Honest Profit earlier said it has retained the name “Saipan Resort Hotel” for the project. The company also said it hopes to finish the hotel in 18 to 26 months.

The new hotel is located immediately north of Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio. The lease is for 25 years, with an option to extend by 15 years for a total of 40 years.

The groundbreaking came two months after Honest Profit paid a \$100,000 security deposit, a requirement that the Department of Public Lands imposes among investors eyeing major developments such as hotels and golf courses.

The 300-room hotel that Honest Profit will be building is also beyond the minimum 200-room requirement of DPL’s request for proposal for the San Antonio property.

MARRIAGE

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director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, told *Pacific Daily News* that officials won’t accept applications “until further notice.”

Casil said he just received a letter from Barrett-Anderson, not a legal opinion.

Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo’s office in a statement said, “While this current legal issue is being reviewed, if it is the will of the people of Guam to make same-sex marriage legal on Guam, then the Guam Legislature, the people of Guam’s representatives, can take action to change the law, or a referendum can be held giving the people of Guam a direct voice in this issue.”

Barrett-Anderson cited a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision as the basis for her directive. The appeals court in October found state bans on gay marriage were unconstitutional.

Barrett-Anderson said the Department of Public Health and Social Services should treat “all same gender marriage ap-

plicants with dignity and equality under the Constitution.”

Loretta M. Pangelinan and Kathleen M. Agüero, who challenged the territory’s marriage laws with a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Guam on Monday, applied for a license to marry in Guam last week.

Both 28 years old, they have been in a relationship for more than nine years. They are registered foster parents.

Guam would be the first of five U.S. Pacific and Caribbean territories to allow gay marriage.

A lawsuit challenging Puerto Rico’s law defining marriage as between a man and a woman is pending before a federal appeals court in Boston. The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Tuesday it would await the Supreme Court’s decision on the issue before scheduling oral arguments in the Puerto Rico case.

Puerto Rico’s Justice Department previously has defended the law in court, but Justice Secretary Cesar Miranda said last month that the department would no longer do so.

Ex-convict allegedly steals woman's wallet, threatens her

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Police arrested a 28-year-old ex-convict who allegedly snatched a woman's wallet containing \$7,000 and threatened her with a knife at Body Works Massage on Monday afternoon.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan identified the suspect as Johnny Basiente John after reviewing the footage of a surveillance camera.

Police found John during a follow-up operation and recovered from him the victim's identification cards, bank cards, and a stolen bicycle.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman increased John's bail from \$6,000 to \$25,000, noting his extensive criminal history starting when he was just a juvenile.

Preliminary hearing will be on April 23 at 9am.

Assistant public defender

Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for John, who faces charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and theft.

Pangelinan stated in her report that a police officer was dispatched to the Body Works Massage at Hotel Galleria in Garapan on Monday at 3:03pm, in response to a report of a robbery.

The victim, a Chinese woman, told the officer that a man, whom she described as local and tall, stole her wallet containing \$7,000, bank cards, and other documents. The victim stated she was due to send the money to China.

The victim said she chased the suspect, who ran into a Toyota Previa van parked in the area. She asked for her wallet back, but the suspect threatened her with a long knife.

Pangelinan said she and other officers arrived at the scene, where the manager of Hotel Galleria showed her footage

from the surveillance camera.

Pangelinan said she identified the person who fled the scene as John, who also drove a white Toyota van with license plate ABS 766 in a previous theft case.

That night, Pangelinan and two other detectives found the

car with license plate ABS 766 parked behind the Dragon Rent A Car in As Lito. They found a long kitchen knife in the middle portion of the van.

According to the owner of the rent-a-car, John rented that day a red car with license plate ACH 258. Pangelinan alerted all pa-

trol units to be on the lookout for the red car.

At 11:10pm that same day, two officers found John with the car in front of Dragon Rent A Car. The officers found a black wallet containing the victim's identification cards and bank cards placed under

the passenger seat of the vehicle. Officers also recovered from the car's trunk a stolen bicycle.

Pangelinan said that John admitted stealing the wallet inside a red purse that was on top of the cashier's counter at Body Works Massage.

Chief Aghurubw Foundation cleans up

The beach area from Oleai Beach to Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa got a facelift on April 4, 2015, thanks to a group calling itself the Chief Aghurubw Foundation and Beautify My Marianas program.

The group collected 120 lbs of trash along the route, as noted in its post-action report.

"Picnic trash [foam plates, plastic forks/spoons, cans], BBQ

grills, rusted fan grill, rope, cigarette butts, plastic bags, soiled diapers, snack and candy wraps, foam plates from meat packs, fishing line, butane cans, fruit mesh, plastic water bottles and caps, plastic straws and wrappers, beer and soda cans, liquor bottles, assorted can foods, plastic bag with vomit, small bucket of feces, HI-C boxes and miscellaneous plastic and metal materials," the group listed

as item they picked up.

Beautify My Marianas is a program of the Marianas Visitors Authority offering \$100 for each 1-mile cleanup in assigned areas.

Participants included eight adults, three teenagers, and seven children: Shawnalei Ogumoro, Guinaiya Taisacan, Aram Taisacan, Zane Taisacan, Stefani Tagabuel, Les Ogumoro-Uludong, Peter Aldan, Deaus

Salas, Schuubwe Fital, Dandandro Barcinas, Dora Lizama, Donray Barcinas, Dylan Barcinas, Asap Ogumoro, Reneacia San Nicolas, Aling Ogumoro-Uludong, Eireng Ogumoro, and Louis Ogumoro.

For more information on Beautify My Marianas or an application, visit the MVA homepage at www.mymarianas.com. Groups must apply to participate and document their cleanup with a written report, list of participants, and photos. (MVA)



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Chief Aghurubw Foundation picked up 120 lbs of trash from Oleai Beach to Sugar Dock on April 4, 2015, as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program. Eighteen people participated in the cleanup.

Team Joeten Dolphins joins 2015 MMAC

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REPORTER

Team Joeten Dolphins will join anew the 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer, the signature event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

Team Joeten Dolphins captains Patty P. McDonald from Joeten and Daidai Foundation and Lorraine Catienza from Marianas High School said it will be their fourth year to partner together for the 2015 MMAC.

"Joeten and Daidai Foundation has been involved with MMAC as a title sponsor since its inception. MHS has also had a long history with MMAC," McDonald said.

McDonald said what got their team interested in participating in the 2015 MMAC event is that it is a "truly meaningful event."

"When we heard that MHS was looking for a sponsor four years ago, we immediately reached out to them. Since then, it has been a great partnership. We're overjoyed to be able to work with young men and women. They are the future leaders of the CNMI," she said.

McDonald said their team plans to sell drinks and snacks on one side of the tent, while the other side will host a live GetFit CNMI demonstration and have information on health, fitness, and lifestyle.

She said their two favorite parts of the MMAC are the lighting of the luminaries and the race to complete the most laps around the track.

"The lighting of the luminaries is such an amazing moment because out of the darkness, you see all these lights flickering across the entire field and you realize that each candle represents a person who has battled or continues to battle cancer," she said.

"The scene is shocking but also comforting to know that you're not alone in this epic fight. The race to complete the most laps is also another fun part for us because it pushes our students to edge out the other schools," she added.

She urged others in the community to form a team for the 2015 MMAC, saying it takes time and effort to build a team but that it is nothing compared to the individual efforts of those battling cancer.

This year's event will be held at the Hopwood Junior High School field from May 1 to 2.

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Man, 41, allegedly took videos of girls showering

A 41-year-old man was arrested on Sunday for allegedly taking videos of minors as they were showering or changing clothes in the women's restroom of the Tachogna Beach on Tinian.

Mofizur Rahman, an employee of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, admitted taking the videos and pleaded for mercy during questioning, police said.

Rahman was taken to Super-

rior Court on Saipan yesterday morning on charges of pornography and unlawful exploitation of minors. His bail was set at \$20,000 cash.

Rahman's lawyer, Janet H. King, argued for the release of her client, saying the law the police relied on has already been repealed.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas, who appeared for the government, stat-

ed that they have not filed any formal charges yet.

Preliminary hearing will be on April 23 at 9am.

Tinian police detective Shawn Lee SN. Borja stated in his report that two police officers responded to Tachogna Beach on Sunday at 6:12pm after receiving a call about a prowling case.

The officers met with a man who told them that, as

his 12-year-old daughter was showering in the women's restroom, she noticed flash coming from a camera.

The man said that when he searched the place, he spotted only Rahman.

The two officers found an abandoned room adjacent to the women's restroom. In that abandoned room, one officer found a blue soccer uniform top and a small window, where

a person can see into the women's restroom.

During questioning by an officer, Rahman allegedly held onto the officer's legs and pleaded for mercy.

Borja said Rahman then led the officers to the abandoned room, where he hid his cell-phone under a box.

Rahman allegedly asked the officers to delete the pictures, admitting that what he did was

wrong. He asked the officers to let him go and just allow him and his wife to purchase plane tickets and leave the island for good.

The officer noticed that while looking through the phone's gallery, he found a video of the victim showering and changing clothes. The video also showed the girl's private parts. When the girl saw the video, she told the officer to delete it. The officer instructed the other officer to do so.

The officer later found other videos on the phone of young girls taking showers and changing clothes.

Borja said Rahman confessed that he took the video of the girl and that he also took videos of other people, mostly women, showering and changing clothes.

Borja said Rahman stated that after watching the videos, he would delete them. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Recycled boat race slated for April 25

Together with your team, build a "boat" out of recycled materials and hope that it floats across the ocean to win trophies and prizes.

The challenge: Build your own boat out of recycled materials and be the first across the finish line.

There will be two races, one for 18 and above and one for 17 and below. Race organizer Cal Westergard said all boats will line up in the water at the start of each race. There will be a person with a flag to signal the start of the race. Once the flagman signals the start of the race, it's on!

The first boat to fully cross the finish line gets first place, winning \$200. The second boat to fully cross the finish line gets second place and \$100. A \$100 prize for the most creative boat will be given as well. A panel of judges will decide on which boat is most creative.

Interested individuals or teams must register in advance with BECQ. The race itself will be at the Kilili Beach, across the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium on Saturday, April 25, with the race starting at 10:30am. You must show up at 9:30am to launch your boat.

Use recycled materials only. Duct tape is the only material you are allowed to purchase. No prefabricated boats. No motors. Your boat must be manually powered. Sail-powered boats are OK. Your whole boat must cross the finish line. If part of your boat falls off you must retrieve it before finishing. No littering. You may have more than one person paddling your boat. The course will be 100 meters.

Contact Westergard at 664-8511 for more information. **(BECQ)**



TINIAN FIESTA SPONSORS

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, along with Tinian Delegation chair Sen. Francisco M. Borja, 15th Tinian Municipal Council member Dianna H. Borja, 15th TMC secretary Edwin M. Hofschneider, 15th TMC chair Raynaldo M. Cing, and Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz receive a check on April 6, 2015, from Phillip Mendiola-Long, CEO of Bridge Investment Group, in the amount of \$7,000, making him a Matua sponsor for the upcoming 2015 San Jose Fiesta.

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Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, along with the Tinian Delegation members and 15th Tinian Municipal Council members receive a check on April 15, 2015, from Alter City Group, Inc. chief executive officer Edvon Sze and managing director Ken Lin in the amount of \$10,000, making the company a Matua sponsor for the upcoming 2015 San Jose Fiesta.

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Full scale disaster exercise at Saipan airport

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in coordination with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management and in partnership with local and federal response agencies, will be conducting an Airport

CPA

As part of the exercise, the southern area (see map) of the Saipan International Airport will be closed to the public between 5pm and 10pm today, April 16, 2015.

Disaster Full Scale Exercise today, April 16, 2015, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The purpose of the exercise is to create a condition to reinforce interoperability among local and federal partners. This will also serve as an interagency and multiagency exercise at the Saipan International Airport to maintain operational response procedures during an airport incident.

As part of the exercise, the

southern area of the Saipan International Airport will be closed to the general public between the hours of 5pm and 10pm today.

To ensure the safety of the community, CPA and partner agencies ask that the public take extra precautionary measures when near any of the exercise location. Should you have any question contact CPA at 237-6500 or the CNMI Emergency Operation Center Dispatch at 237-8000. **(CPA)**

NMC hosts workforce training for persons with disabilities

The Northern Marianas College University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities recently partnered with key agencies in the CNMI to provide training activities to enhance the workforce skills of individuals with disabilities.

The training included computer and leadership development skills activities that were held at the NMC campus in As Terlaje. Similar workforce readiness training activities will be held on Rota later this month.

"We had about 20 individuals with disabilities who participated in the workforce readiness training sessions," said Floyd Masga, UCEDD director at NMC. "We are looking forward to engaging more participants as plans for more training activities are being planned."

The training activities are

made possible through the collaboration between NMC's UCEDD program and the Council on Developmental Disabilities, Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System Inc., the Center for Living Independently, the Public School System, and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

"The partnership between NMC's UCEDD program and the other agencies involved in assisting individuals with disabilities has been key to making these workforce readiness activities possible," said Masga.

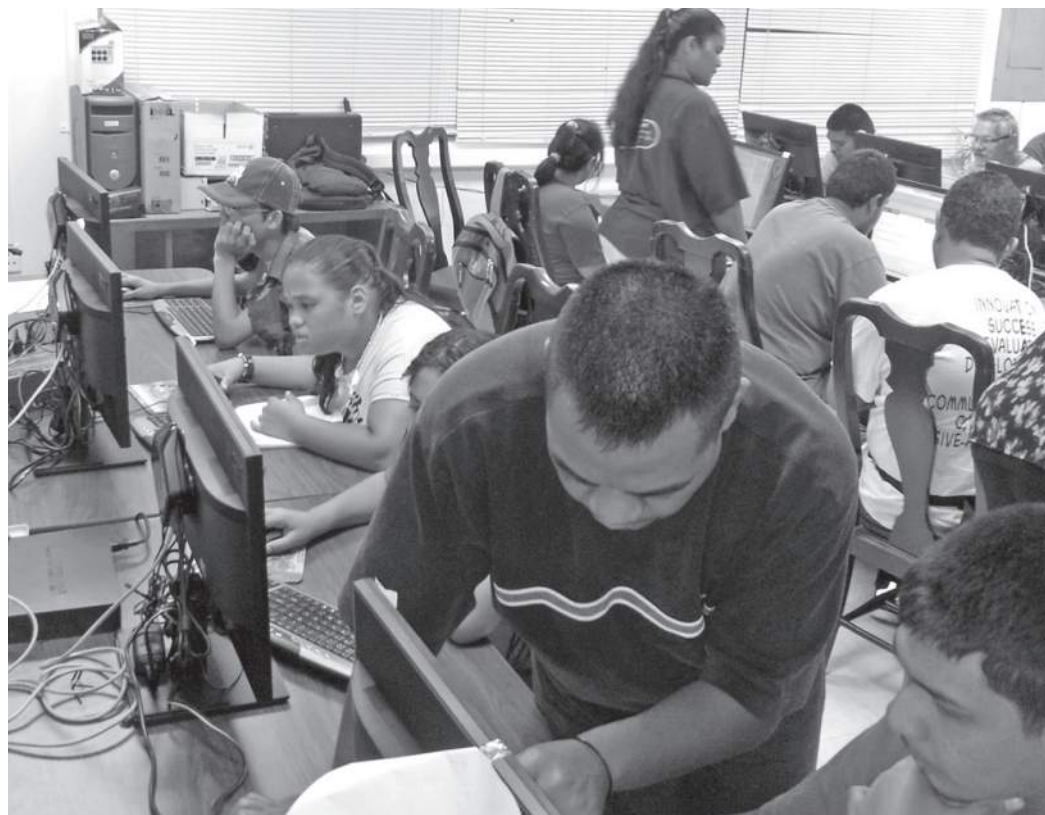
The NMC UCEDD Program is committed to the development of culturally complementary outcomes while promoting equal opportunity, independence, productivity, promoting self-determination, and supporting an improved

quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in their villages and throughout the Commonwealth.

The training activities were held as part of the Disabilities Awareness Month in March.

Last month Masga and David Attao, NMC's dean of Administration and Resource Development, led a discussion on the efforts and services that are provided in the Marianas to promote independence for individuals with developmental disabilities. Their presentation was made at the 2015 UCEDD Directors' Retreat and Technical Assistance Institute in Washington, D.C. (NMC)

NMC
The University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the Northern Marianas College recently held a workforce readiness training.



PDM collects 500 lbs of trash »Tokyo Tensuien to perform today, tomorrow



Eight Kinpachi staff and three Saipan Awaodori members join together in a group photo after picking up 500 lbs of trash last Saturday at the Paseo de Marianas and its environs.

Paseo de Marianas Promoters, Inc. collected a total of 500 lbs of trash at the Garapan tourist district last Saturday during its fourth monthly cleanup of the year.

Three Saipan Awaodori members and nine Kinpachi Restaurant staff took part in the cleanup of the Paseo de Marianas and its environs.

PDM Promoters' Sonia Siwa said they started in the morning and ended before lunch.

Siwa noted that there were other volunteers from different schools that also cleaned up the area.

"It is nice to see that some students besides our group are also picking up trash in the area on weekends," Siwa said.

In related news, musicians and four dancers from Tokyo Tensuien, four dancers from the Benkeiren group, and three musicians from the Aoishinren group from Koenji Tokyo in Japan will be here to perform with the Saipan Awaodori Team.

Four of the Tokyo Tensuien musicians will first perform at

Flame Tree Arts Festival opening ceremony moved to Thursday

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The Commonwealth Council of Arts and Culture would like the community to know that the Flame Tree Arts Festival opening ceremony this year will be held Thursday next week, from their original date of Saturday.

CCAC executive director Angel Hocog said that it's been a practice that they open on Saturday but after talks with Department of Culture and Community Affairs Secretary Laura Ogunoro, they decided to host

the ceremony on the festival's opening day itself.

This would get more participants for the ceremony, he explained, and unlike previous years, would line up with their opening date.

The festival's organizing committee voted unanimously on this change yesterday.

According to committee member Gordon Marciano, this year they are joining forces on stage with radio hosts for the first time. "We are happy to have them," he said.

Another highlight this year is

the Bridge Capital-sponsored 5th Annual CNMI Art Competition. Interested artists are welcome to register and compete in categories like Best of Show, Paintings, Wood Carving and Others, Photography, Texter's Choice Award, Governor's Choice Award, and Best New Artist.

Bridge Capital last sponsored the competition two years ago in 2013.

They are donating \$5,000 to support the Flame Tree Arts Festival and are sponsoring over \$13,000 in cash prizes for the art competition.

the Garapan Street Market tonight from 7pm to 7:30pm and then move to the T-Galleria from 7:50pm to 8:20pm.

The Saipan Awaodori will also hold its program at the Paseo de Marianas in front of Kinpachi Restaurant on Friday. They will perform at Fiesta Resort and Spa first from 5:30pm to 6pm, then move on to the Paseo. There will be a program from 6:20pm to 9pm at the Paseo. Raffles will be held and entertainment will be available. (Jayson Camacho)

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Security Services for Water Task Force Warehouse

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Bids for Security Services for the Water Task Force Warehouse on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after March 9, 2015.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this contract is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA. The Contractor is required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. local time, March 20, 2015, at the CNMI Water Task Force Conference Room, 1316 Anatahan Dr., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

All questions regarding this IFB must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, March 19, 2015, to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager, facsimile number (670) 664-2279.

Bids must be sealed and marked "IFB15-GOV-053". For bidders within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, April 8, 2015. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bid by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, April 8, 2015, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515. For bidders located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than April 8, 2015, and must be received no later than April 22, 2015. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, April 23, 2015. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on April 8, 2015.

The bid procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any imperfections in any bid if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All Bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Guam priest reinstated after investigation clears him

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest has been reinstated after a church investigation cleared him of allegations he molested two boys while serving in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in the 1970s.

The Archdiocese of Agana said Tuesday that the Rev. John Howard Wadeson has been fully reinstated to public ministry, the *Pacific Daily News* reported. The archdiocese didn't say whether Wadeson would return to Guam.

Wadeson was stripped of his duties and left Guam last July amid community concerns about his past. He said he was falsely accused but left because he didn't want the accusations to tarnish Guam's archbishop.

A 2004 clergy-abuse report by the Los Angeles archdiocese lists Wadeson as being credibly accused of molesting two people between 1973 and 1977, while he was working as a priest with the Divine Word Missionaries religious order. Wadeson was in the Los Angeles archdiocese between 1972 and 1985 and spent many of those years at Verbum Dei High School, an all-boys Catholic school.

The Los Angeles archdiocese reexamined the matter last year at Wadeson's request. After reviewing documents, it found there was no reason to preclude Wadeson from serving as a priest.


"For this reason Father John Wadeson remains, to the knowledge of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, a priest in good standing," a statement from the Los Angeles archdiocese said.

FHB promotes Valdez, Fernandez

HAGATNA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank chairman, president, and chief executive officer Bob Harrison announced yesterday the promotion of two bank officers to vice president.

Peter Valdez has been promoted from vice president and business banking officer to vice president and team leader at the Maite Banking Center. Valdez oversees a team of business bankers to grow the bank's commercial lending portfolio in Guam. He has over 20 years of banking industry experience and joined First Hawaiian Bank in 2001 as a business banking officer.

Penny Fernandez has been promoted from assistant vice president, Merchant Services Department, to vice president and merchant supervisor, Guam and CNMI Region. Fernandez is responsible for merchant services, processing of merchant applications, program terminals, installation of terminals and providing customer support to merchants and merchant services representative.



Valdez



Fernandez

First Hawaiian Bank (fhb.com) with assets of \$18.1 billion was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank. The bank operates 57 branches in Hawaii, three in Guam, and two on Saipan. **(FHB)**



NMC SUPPORTERS

All Star Sporting Goods manager Soledad Tenorio, third from left, and staff pose with Les Ogumoro, far left, a member of the 12th Annual NMC Foundation Golf tournament planning committee. All Star Sporting Goods is donating prizes to be given out at the tournament. The golf tournament will be held at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort (west course) this Saturday, April 18, 2015, with a show time of 6am and shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies. For more information on how to donate to the NMC Foundation or to register to play, log on to www.marianas.edu or call 234-5498 Ext. 6764/6810.

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O2 Spa staff members pose with Christina Cruz, far left, a member of the 12th Annual NMC Foundation Golf tournament planning committee. The O2 Spa is donating \$1,000 worth of gift certificates to be given out as prizes at the tournament.

NMC



Sweet Escape staff Malyssa Castro, right, poses with Christina Cruz, left, a member of the 12th Annual NMC Foundation Golf tournament planning committee. Sweet Escape is donating gift certificates to be given out as prizes at the tournament.

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MMAC draws three more sponsors

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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office, *Marianas Variety*, and Bridge Capital LLC jumped on the bandwagon of sponsors for the 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer on Tuesday. The Mayor's Office and Bridge Capital are both major sponsors, while *Marianas Variety* is a title sponsor.

The Mayor's Office will be providing four picnic tables, two serving tables, a raffle turnstile, one 20x40 tent, distribution of panels from the Commonwealth Cancer Association office on Middle Road to the event location, and cleaning services throughout the event.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said their office is always there to help. "I support this cause because it affects the community and as a leader our office is always glad to help if we are needed."

Bridge Capital donated \$1,000 in cash. Vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl presented the donation to committee members and CCA staff.

"We're also supporting a local team. We're happy to help out. Personally, I have been affected by cancer and other people in our office have been affected by cancer. So this is a great opportunity for us to donate and continue to stay involved in the community," she said.

Jordahl said that it is their fifth year to sponsor the Marianas March Against Cancer and an individual team.

Marianas Variety donated \$3,500 in in-kind contribution that will include raffle tickets

and ads.

"*Marianas Variety* has been supporting the MMAC since the beginning and we will continue to support this worthwhile community event," publisher Laila Boyer said.

Businesses, individuals, and

organizations that also wish to support the 2015 MMAC may donate funds, services, or raffle items. Sponsorship levels include title sponsor (donating \$3,000 or more), major sponsor (donating \$1,000 to \$2,999), or supporting sponsorship (donat-

ing \$1 to \$999).

Other title sponsors this year are Delta Air Lines, Bank of Guam, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Joeten Daidai Foundation, Sorensen Media Group Saipan, and *Marianas Variety*. Other major sponsors are Xerox,

Brabu Pharmacy, Traders Insurance, and Jeff Hofschneider and Friends.

This year's march will be held at the Hopwood Junior High School field from May 1 to 2. Money raised from MMAC is used by CCA to promote cancer

awareness and prevention, provide patient support services, and serve as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the CNMI.

For donations, call committee chair Nola Hix at 989-6652 or email her at nola.hix@gmail.com.



▲ 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer committee members, Commonwealth Cancer Association board members and staff, and Saipan Mayor's Office staff and Mayor David M. Apatang join in a group photo.

JAYSON CAMACHO



◀ From left to right, 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer committee for donations chair Nola Hix, Bridge Capital LLC vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, Commonwealth Cancer Association board secretary Maggie Camacho, MMAC committee member Manny Borja, and CCA program manager Juan L. Babauta.

JAYSON CAMACHO

5 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged five Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Pau Pau Beach, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, American Memorial Park, and Micro Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

From left to right, Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Juan L. Babauta, MMAC committee member Manny Borja, MMAC committee chair Diana Benavente, *Marianas Variety* publisher Laila Boyer, CCA board member Maggie Camacho, and MMAC committee member Nola Hix.

JAYSON CAMACHO



Young professionals to network in first mixer

The Saipan Young Professionals Committee will be hosting its first mixer as a way to reach out and network with the island's young professionals. Venue is at Red Box, Saipan World Resort on Friday, April 17, from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

The "Net Party" is a new event that will combine both

business and social networking.

Tickets are available for the first 40 to 60 young professionals to contact the Chamber. Each \$10 ticket will provide two free drinks, appetizers, and one raffle ticket. As a token of appreciation to new SYP members, the Chamber is providing a free ticket to all

who have submitted a completed membership form on or before the night of the event.

The happy hour event is one of the many planned activities created by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to provide an open atmosphere for entrepreneurs, up-and-coming young professionals, and other

business people to meet, connect, and learn about each other's products, services, and creative ideas.

This marks the third event for the new Saipan Young Professionals Committee. Prior events included an educational presentation on cultural diversity and a tour of the USS *Frank Cable*. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce

launched the SYP program to actively engage the younger generation in the business community.

Tickets for the SYP mixer are available at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315, 3rd floor. Call 234-7150 or e-mail coordinator@saipanchamber.com for more information. (SCC)

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US should call Armenian genocide by its name

On Sunday, Pope Francis took the audacious step of celebrating a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians, and then calling those killings by their name: genocide. For that, the Turkish government summoned the Vatican's envoy in Ankara for a talking-to and recalled its own ambassador to the Vatican for "consultation." Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu announced that "the pope's statement, which is out of touch with both historical facts and legal basis, is simply unacceptable."

That's right: A full century after the mass killings by the Ottoman Empire, the Turkish government continues to reject the documented historical reality that Turkey was responsible for the first genocide in what turned out to be a century of grotesque ethnic, religious and political violence, from the Holocaust to the Cambodian killing fields to the Rwandan genocide.

Turkey's disingenuous view compounds the original crime with the insult of denial. (Turkey claims that most Armenian victims were killed in a civil war, and that many Turks also perished at the hands of Armenians.) Yet the U.S. government has been complicit in Turkey's defiance, thanks primarily to a policy of realpolitik that calls for deference to a strategic ally in an increasingly unstable region of the world. That's why American presidents have repeatedly refused to call the genocide a genocide.

Although Barack Obama promised as a candidate to "recognize the Armenian genocide" if he became president, so far he (like his predecessors) has avoided using that apparently too-blunt word in annual statements condemning the "Meds Yeghern," as it's known in Armenian. The farthest he's gone is to call the killings a "horror" while reaffirming the U.S. government's adherence "to the principle that such atrocities must always be remembered if we are to prevent them from occurring ever again."

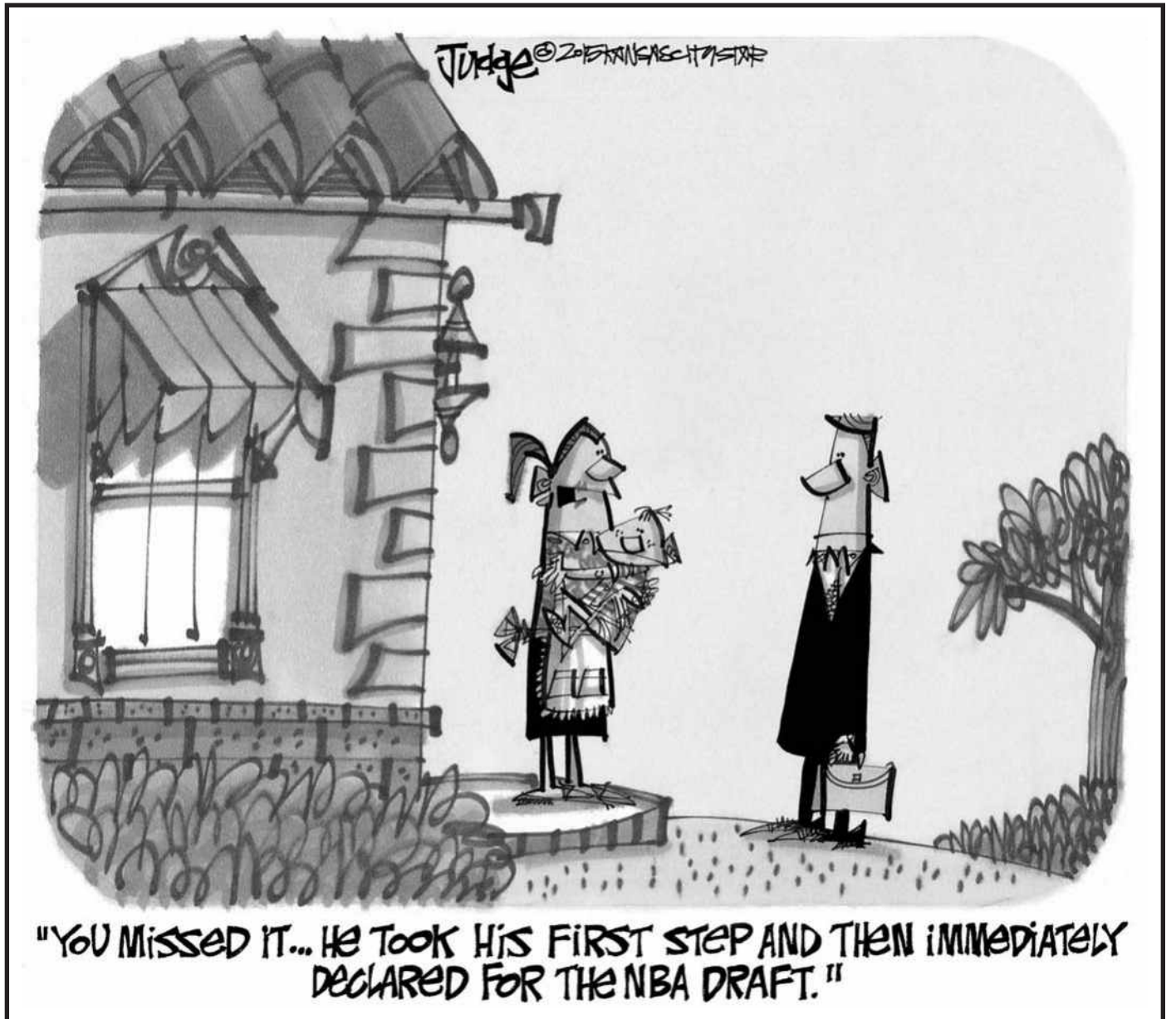
But how can you remember if you won't acknowledge the facts? Obama has said that "a full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts is in all of our interests," yet he has continued to engage in a diplomatic dance out of misdirected fidelity to an ally.

It's true that the U.S.-Turkey relationship is a very important one, and one worth nurturing and protecting, but not at the expense of denying history.

Strategically, Turkey needs U.S. support—and weapons—as much as the United States needs a presence in the region (including its Air Force base near Incirlik). This is a partnership based on mutual interests, and we would hope that it would not be imperiled by an insistence on truth.

The president should take a cue from Pope Francis and include the word genocide in his annual message marking the carnage a century ago. Enduring friendships require such honesty.

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Chavez, Crystal Cathedral, Chloe and China

We remember this week Cesar Chavez, the charismatic farm worker advocate from Arizona of Native American stock, followed by many in the '60s, especially Pinoys, but also other Oriental folks. His health did not let him go past 60.

Robert Schuller built that impressive Crystal Cathedral in California from where he developed a televangelist following from a movie drive-in ministry to a megachurch, and a writer promoting the virtues of positive thinking, to the ire of the Westboro Baptists who will protest his funeral after his death last week at 80. Not of the revivalist that rants against the failures of human flesh, he soared to heights in enflaming the human spirit. He rued classical Christianity's start at condemning human nature as perverted. The Orange Country parish of the Roman Catholic Church bought the cathedral.

In one of my oral English classes at Shenyang Aerospace University, Chloe joined her friend Joseph in my class sessions, though she was not formally enrolled in the class. She participated in the assignments, one of which is a write-up of what they did after an extended holiday.

Chloe wrote (edited): "I took a trip to the city of Xi'an over the national holidays. It was a wonderful journey. Tourists crowded Qin Shi Huangdi's terra cotta warriors. Foreigners were everywhere, enjoying their trip and getting used to life in China. I talked to some in English to practice my speaking and listening skills. To my surprise, most answered me in Chinese. To be sure, their Chinese was not easy to understand, but they tried hard and were proud they had the courage to try. That made me speak English harder as well!"

"The world is learning more about China. Folks travel to China, live the ambience, experience the culture, choose to study and live here with a few marrying locals. The number of foreign students at Shenyang Aerospace University is an example.

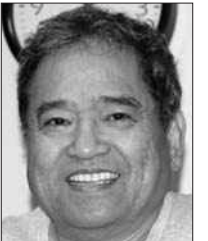
"We also know that the Confucius Institute is spreading the *il-luminati's* thoughts. The subject of China is at present academically 'hot.' Really hot! But it is not just the learning that is in demand. Our economic life has also gotten much closer to the economies of the world, with foreign companies investing in the country, opening factories, selling to the domestic market, and establishing relationships with local businesses. In turn, Chinese investors are in demand in the global market, especially in this time of global recession, with Chinese money and personnel in foreign hands and lands, and Chinese students studying abroad.

"China adapted to globalization and added its policy of harmonious relationship to economics, politics and culture. While

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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China wishes to be known by the rest of the world, China also welcomes the whole world to its history-long ancient civilization, the sights, sounds, fragrance and tastes of its culture, and of course, the generally friendly attitude of its people. Fear of the stranger is not our first response!

"It was only in 1978 when Deng Xiaoping opened a new path 'to the outside world' and to 'internal reforms.' The reforms distributed wealth in economics, and broadened decision-making in politics—measures that need to go further. We recognize that we can learn from the experiences of those beyond our borders. The world itself is in a process of rapid change. It is in a progressive world that China wishes to participate in recreating human civilization itself. Chinese are not a close-minded people, and we have shown a great capacity to learn from other cultures even as we share ours.

"Remembering how I related to the foreigners in Xi'an, we can do the same as a country to the rest of the world. To present a picture of self-confidence without appearing arrogant, practice self-reliance without losing interdependence with friends, and show self-sufficiency to provide adequate comfort and confidence to a great majority of our population, is the call of the hour.

"Of those in the world who wish for us to stumble, we assure them that, yes, we will fall hard but with grace. Those who wish to visit us, live with us, get to know us better, partake of our meals, and join us in singing our songs as we build a new China, we spread our arms in warm welcome."

The spirit within Chloe's affirmation of an enlightened China is heartening. Our heart tempered by the protest movements like Chavez's, and the innovations like Schuller's, make us face the call of the moment on how to overcome defeatism that pervades contemporary life. Even NASA contemplates moving the human race (read, Texans) to another planet, on the certitude that this one is doomed, and that any sustaining development is a futile exercise.

I will go with Chloe any day!

Mattirun Pagyun Gastu

Guaha i niyog `nai malagu dumeskansa lau kada ratu ginapot hagoña ni mañglu`. Taiguine diariu ta fapoposgue na tiempu.

Mientras i sueddu gatdun gi sisonyan sumen chafleg na ekonomia, i gastun nesessidat familia siha sige ha` mañgahulu` presiun niha. Esta mattu papa` gi mamfuñg sinsiyu antes de tafan halom gi tenda pot nesessidat.

I presiun neñkanu` mas mañganhulu`. Apas kandet mueye` kada ratu. Gastun hinemlu` otu sapet gi kinalamten familia siha. Na ti tumunog presiun laña ni debi u ribaha este na gastu? Hu mente este siha na asuntu `nos pot minala`et politika. Puntu: yangin sumen makat giya guahu kuandu menos i mayotmente ni man-e`esinahyau ausiliu diariamente.

I chinatsaga ti probleman administrasion solu. Man-mañge i 29 na membron lehislatura? Kau presisuña geran atiluñg espehos ke mampos mañogñug na modun linala` tautau-ta siha gi señgsoñg? Ilegu na man-gaige ha` hamyu gi tanu, haf` mohon?

Binisita un` suruhanu ni palao`an pot para u ketuñgu` hafa para patgoña. Dispues de linasa todumamaisen ansianu i prohima haf` sineda` i suruhanu. Sinañgane, “Esta hu tuñgu haf` para patgonmu. `An ti lahe pues palao`an”. Asaina na bidan muron!

Sige si pale` ha chukan iluña ume`ekuñgog dandan gi iPod mienstras animu i prohimu kumonfisat. Pot para u satbague` si pale ha faisen i probre kuantu na pution guaha gi lañget. Bulachun ñaihon i kilisyanu. Ha chage miyon lau ti ginana. Dios mihu!

Este i finu` Chamorro guaha `nai masge usuña. Pot ihemplo, sumesena un` tiuhu katdun to`lañg guaka. `Nai tumalag hilu` ilegña, “Maila` ihu ya un` katdu hau”. Kasse mañge`ña katdoña ke para u chansa i dalalai te`lañg timoghu.

Manu dinanche na finu` Chamorro: bantalan pat pantalan? Megai lokue` `nai hu huñgog gi fina` kuestion: kumulelegmu? Na ti “kumeke ilegmu?” Dios mihu!

Lincoln’s violent death and his legacy

Abraham Lincoln was laughing at a punch line at a stage play when he was shot once in the back of the head. He never regained consciousness and died nine hours later. Tuesday marked the 150th anniversary of the day that John Wilkes Booth snuck into the presidential box at Ford’s Theatre during a performance of the farcical comedy “Our American Cousin.” Actor Harry Hawk, alone on stage, gave what Booth knew was one of the funniest lines in the play: “Don’t know the manners of good society, eh? Well, I guess I know enough to turn you inside out, old gal; you sockdologizing old man-trap!”

As always, uproarious laughter followed, and that was when the assassin—an actor himself and a rebel sympathizer—pulled the trigger. At 7:22 a.m. the next day, in a cramped bed in a boarding-house across from the theater, Lincoln died. Wednesday is the 150th anniversary of his death.

For a century and a half, Lincoln has been seen as a national martyr, as the final casualty of the Civil War. And that’s how he was viewed in the hours and days following his killing—but not by everyone.

As historian Martha Hodes notes in her new book “Mourning Lincoln,” there was a significant portion of the American populace, even in the North, happy the president had met his death.

“In Boston,” Hodes writes, “an Irish cook made her politics known in front of her employers by ‘laughing all day’ when the news arrived.”

Even some fire-breathing, anti-slavery members of Lincoln’s own Republican Party, afraid of the president’s conciliatory tone toward the former Confederate states, were glad rather than sad over

Moving forward, with gratitude and a purpose

Throughout these past seven and a half years, knowledge of my innocence propelled me forward. Your kindness sustained me. I am, and forever will be, grateful to the many people who helped me survive when I was at my most vulnerable and almost entirely lost. To them I say, thank you. Many times over, thank you.

After so many years of trial and uncertainty, I feel relieved and grateful for the decision of Italy’s highest court to find me innocent of Meredith Kercher’s murder. And I am equally grateful that Raffaele Sollecito can now also move past his own wrongful conviction. I am acutely aware, however, that this story does not have a happy ending. Unlike a wrongful conviction, which can be overturned, nothing will ever bring Meredith Kercher back to her family and loved ones.

Whatever the future holds for me, I know that I must give back. I

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Gai tinemtom i natibu ya yangin para un` lapbla finu` banida `sino ti mahasñgon gef hassu antes de unna` kalaskas sekosmu. Man-mafaisen grupon galaide` haf` sessu finatton niha giya Luta. Man-oppe unu na ma-espipiha Islan Luta. Ilegña un` che`luta: “Ai, adai, hagas ha` ti tanu` mame guine tatnai ha muebague”. Dios mihu!

■■■
Man-marikohe todumasa` para umatai i prohimu guihe na pu-eñge. Ti humanau. Sais mesis dispues lalala` ha`. Ilegña un` ni-etu, “Nañga ya guahu nau bai` lumus ni alunaña mismo”. Pot fabor ni para ositan.

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Man-mattu kandidatun Marianas giya sasalaguan. Ai durum gu-pot, dandan, famalao`an todum bali, maneska yan chesa. Bula minagof gi katkuet rinkon.

Un` semana dispues, man-mattu tatte ta`lu. Pa`gu na biahe atiluñg yan tosta maseha manu un` atan. Man-mamatai i tautau ginen amptiyon na chetnot siha yan ñalañg.

Man-mamaisen haf` masusede. Ilegña segundun Lusifet: “Gi mapos na semana man-kakampen (campaign) ham gi inefresen la-ñget”. Lastima sa` pa`gu na biahe prefektu lusenfetnos! Geran in-efrese kongra ti makomple!

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Pa`gu ha` `nai hutuñgu` na guaha pale` natibu deste antigu na tiempu. Duru un` prohimu (ni fumululon-gue` pidason magagu) kumantan ñaihon man-gagagao bendision ginen i Saina. Hahatsa kanaiña hulu` yan papa` ya mañgombida. Ti komprendiyon ginagau bendision `nai tai Yuus i antigu na natibu fuera ke kalaberan mañaina gi halom apusientu. Pues haye magagagau ayudu? Kau kontodu este mattu gi mana` bulachu?

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Tihu chachanda guinefen attista pat haye mamanana`gue baila yan kanta. Lau pot fabot na seguru na gai tinatte ennau yan antigu na finapos mañaina-ta. Muñga finabrian ti patte gi attistan` natibu. Na ti lamayot patte espantau i natibu ayu mina kumakahat gi entalu`

his assassination. One disgusted congressman wrote in his diary: “Universal feeling among radical men here is that his death is a godsend.”

In surveys of historians on the rankings of the American presidents, Lincoln is almost always in the top position, just ahead of George Washington. He fought and won the Civil War. He reunited the nation. He was the moving force in the emancipation of American slaves. In the Gettysburg Address, he gave the nation a vision of almost Biblical grandeur and depth.

Yet, if the 16th president had survived his second term, he certainly wouldn’t have been seen as a national saint. His legacy would have been much less clear.

After all, Lincoln was one of America’s most controversial chief executives—criticized for acting unilaterally to limit civil liberties, suspending the writ of habeas corpus and imprisoning without trial thousands of rebel sympathizers.

In summer 1863, following the July 4 victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, he was riding high, but, a year later, he was so downhearted about his prospects for a second term that he wrote that it seemed “exceedingly probable that this administration will not be re-elected.”

Lincoln’s violent death, coming as it did in the days just after the Civil War had been won, deeply affected the way Americans of later generations came to view him. He’s on the penny. He’s on the \$5 bill. He’s Honest Abe, Father Abraham. He’s remembered for his final sacrifice, not for all the political head-butting that left his reputation bruised and battered until the very end.

Later presidents have suffered in comparison. How do you compete with a martyr?

survived because my dear family gave up their lives to be with me in Italy, because scores of friends donated their resources, because my lawyers worked tirelessly to bring attention to the evidence that exonerated me, because strangers—from world-renowned DNA experts to former FBI crime-scene investigators to everyday citizens—saw the injustice in my case and spoke out, and because kind residents of Seattle gave me jobs to help me financially while I tried to clear my name. I will do everything I can to pay forward all everyone has done for me.

I am all too aware of how lucky I am to have received such strong support. I am also aware that countless other wrongfully convicted persons do not have such support. I will work to give a voice to those individuals. I will do this because I know how a wrongful conviction can destroy one’s life and because we best honor crime victims by ensuring that the actual perpetrators are brought to justice.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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troñku pot no u ginacha` ni sindalun Magayanes?

Tatnai sisida para hita yan hita sige man-achatge ni todum dinage. Hombre, mattuyu` gi halom todum Micronesia yan sanpapa` na patte giya Pasifiku yah u li`e haf` guinahan niha.

Yangin i pinegamu gai tinatte antigosu na estoria pues libianu ma`ug gi natibu. `An finatinasmu gi chatseguru, pues muñga mafatta publikamiente. Magahet na gai baila i natibu hula?

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Duru ma-atisa konbetsasion finu` Chamorro giya Guahan. Taya` linachiña i para uma-eyag liñguahen tanu`. Lau todum umu`usa finu` Eñglis `nai masasañgan dinisehan niha. Tutuhon ensegidas gi finu` Chamorro. Lapbla primera besis ya ta tutuhon mañgombetsasion.

Pattisipasion Mañaina

Sumen namagof pattisipasion mañaina gi finana`guen manaita gi famaguon niha. Benefisiosu este na modun sakrifisiu: 1). Ha li`e` i patgon na gai interes hau gi estudiuña. 2). Un` ayuda umadelanta espesiatmiente kinemprende gi materiat ni ha tataitai. 3). Dañkulu na ayudu gi estudiuña gi kareran estake u fattu gi high school yan kolehu.

Mauleg inna` saunau ineyag dandan `sino instrumentun dandan. Appruebau na ayudu gi adelantun intellihenten patgon maseha hafa na dandan. Dobra guatu gi fina` tinige` pot para un` li`e` adelantoña i patgon. Gigon ha soda` koyenturaña libiano ha petsige kumomprende todum patte gi estudiuña. Dañkulu na benefisiu yan sumen na`magof para hagu mismo ni saina.

By PATRICK T. REARDON
Chicago Tribune



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The lesson of Lincoln’s life as president—those years leading up to his death—is that every resident of the White House has successes and failures. And that’s worthwhile keeping in mind during Barack Obama’s second term as political commentators work overtime creating a cottage industry of evaluating his legacy.

Almost from the beginning of Obama’s second term, we’ve been treated to opinion pieces with headlines such as “Obama is the worst president ever” and “12 reasons why Obama is one of the best presidents ever.”

As always in such second-term handicapping, no matter the president, this is a case of premature evaluation.

At some point, far in the future, well after Obama has left the White House, historians will have the critical distance to be able to adequately weigh his successes and failures and get a fairly legitimate sense of his place in American history. But not now.

Consider this: If Lincoln had come home from the play that night 150 years ago, he probably would have found on his breakfast table, some morning a few months later, a newspaper with this headline: “Lincoln is the worst president ever.”

By AMANDA KNOX
The Seattle Times








Amanda Knox and co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito were acquitted in late March of the 2007 murder of Meredith Kercher, Knox’s former roommate in Perugia, Italy. The ruling by Italy’s high court ended the eight-year prosecution and appellate case, which included Knox spending almost four years in Italian prison before returning home to Seattle in 2011. She wrote this for The Seattle Times.

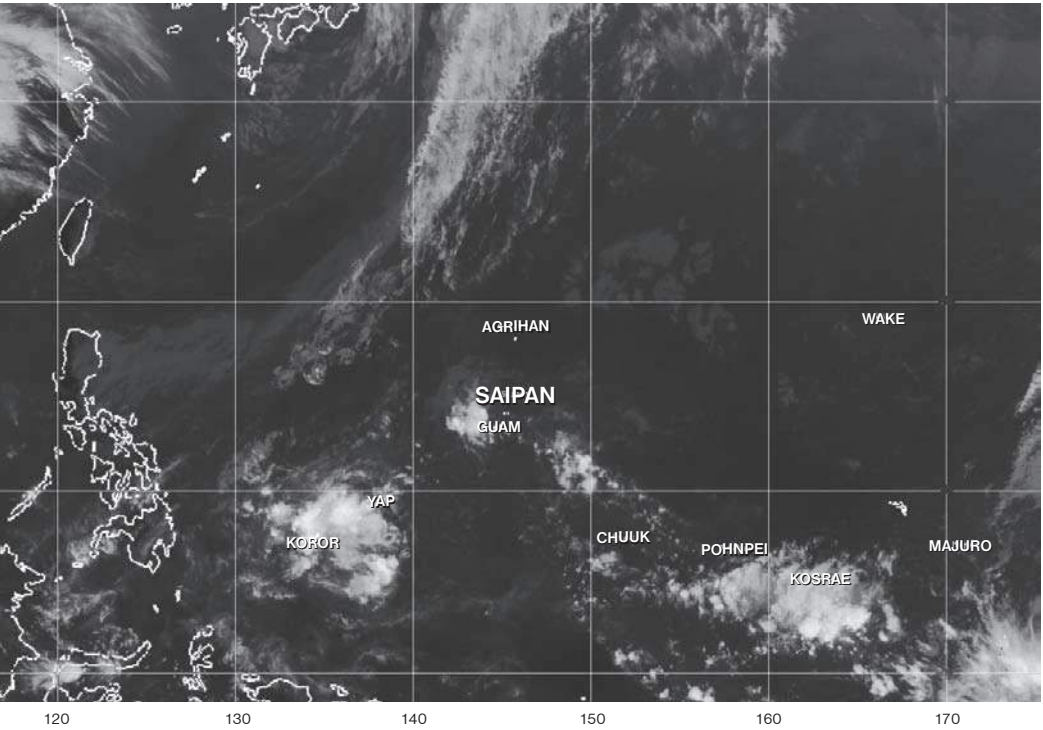
To everyone who has spoken out on my behalf, from Seattle to Rome, thank you. I look forward to making you proud for having supported me and my family.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front curves southwestward from 25N141E to 20N139E to beyond 130E at 16N. Cloudiness and scattered showers southeast of Okinawa along are and up to 200 miles northwest of the front. A weak circulation is centered south of Yap and east of Koror near 6N138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Yap and Koror are within 200 miles of 7N137E. A couple of surface troughs near the Mariana Islands are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of Rota within 100 miles of 14N144E and southeast of Guam within 50 miles of a line from 14N149E to 10N151E. Another surface trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from southeast of Pohnpei to south of Kosrae between 5N and 2N from 158E to 166E. A tropical disturbance is south of the equator with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Tarawa to the south of 2N from 172E to 180E. Trade-wind convergence along with upper-level divergence are causing scattered showers far northeast of Majuro east of a line from 9N173E to 15N173E to 19N180E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼82
Yap	Cloudy	▲89	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲71	▼45
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲78	▼66
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼69
London	Sunny	▲75	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲83	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲94	▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲64	▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼47
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼57
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼54
Pusan	Showers	▲65	▼44
Rome	Sunny	▲73	▼53
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲71	▼55
Seoul	Showers	▲59	▼43
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼57
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲71	▼50



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Saipan Harbor			
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6:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
12:58 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
6:44 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:03 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Monday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	3:43 AM	4:01P M
Friday	4:32 AM	5:02 PM
Saturday	5:22 AM	6:02 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	7:03 PM
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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
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3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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DL287/275	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
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UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
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Business

Panel asks: Could cramped airline seats be dangerous?

WASHINGTON (AP)—The shrinking space on airplanes is surely uncomfortable, but it might also be dangerous for passengers' health and safety.

Planes are filled with more passengers than ever before. Fliers are older and heavier. Flight attendants warn about an increase in air rage, and experts question if having rows of seats packed closer together might make it harder for passengers to evacuate after a crash.

A consumer advisory group set up by the Department of Transportation dove into all those issues Tuesday at a public hearing as part of its role to make non-binding suggestions to government regulators.

Charlie Leocha, the consumer representative on the committee, said the government sets standards for the conditions for dogs flying

as cargo but doesn't dictate minimum space standards for passengers.

"In a world where animals have more rights to space and food than humans," Leocha said, "it is time that the DOT and FAA take a stand for humane treatment of passengers."

Fliers last summer squeezed into the least amount of personal space in the history of flying. In July, U.S. airlines sold a record 87.8 percent of seats on domestic flights, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statics. And that figure does not include all the seats occupied by passengers who redeemed frequent flier miles or airline employees flying for free.

"Unfortunately, the days of the empty middle seat are a thing of the past," said Julie Frederick, a representative for

the American Airlines flight attendants union.

Following the implementation of checked-bag fees in 2008, Frederick said, more and more passengers are carrying on bags, fighting for overhead bin space. That anger carries over through the flight as passengers bump elbows on armrests and bang their knees against tray tables. She said there are more cases of air rage, many of which go unreported.

Questions were also raised if the increased density of seats means passengers won't be able to evacuate fast enough after a crash.

The Federal Aviation Administration runs various tests including how fast passengers can evacuate a plane and how fast they can put on a life preserver.

Christie proposes overhaul of Social Security benefits

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP)—Republican presidential hopeful Chris Christie proposed pushing back the age of eligibility for Social Security and Medicare for future retirees on Tuesday as part of a plan to cut deficits by \$1 trillion over a decade, an approach he said would confront the nation's "biggest challenges in an honest way."

In a speech in New Hampshire, site of the first 2016 presidential primary, the New Jersey governor also proposed reducing Social Security benefits in the future for retirees earning more than \$80,000 a year and eliminating them for those with annual incomes of \$200,000 or more. He said seniors who work after age 62 should be exempt from the payroll tax.

"Through its unwillingness to address our biggest challenges

in an honest way, the Obama administration has put us on a perilous course for both our short-term and our long-term futures," Christie told the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College. "See, I think it's time to tell the truth about what we need to do in order to solve our problems and put our country back on the path to greater prosperity."

The proposal marked an attempt to establish Christie's deficit-cutting credentials in a race that has three other Republicans as declared presidential candidates, with more to come. Christie says he will decide in May or June whether to launch a campaign for the nomination.

The nearly 40-minute speech delved into policy specifics Christie has previously avoided.

But similar proposals to take on cherished entitlements have been made for years, by people in and out of Congress, and have not gone anywhere.

Christie proposed increasing the retirement age for Social Security to 69, beginning with gradual increases in 2022, as well as raising the early retirement age to 64 from 62, and changing the way cost-of-living increases are calculated for Social Security and other benefit programs, an adjustment that would mean smaller increases in the future.

He'd also increase the Medicare eligibility age gradually to 67 by 2040—and turn Medicaid into a block grant program to the states, which Republicans have long proposed and critics say could mean reduced benefits over time.

Survey: Most Vegas tourists married, many from California

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority says it has a pretty good idea who visited the destination last year: 45-year-old married people making \$40,000 or more, with one-third of them coming from neighboring California.

That's the portrait of the average Las Vegas tourist developed after surveying 300 travelers at random each month last year.

They came in pairs and left the kids—if any—at home, spending \$281.88 on food and drinks, \$149.77 to shop and budgeting \$530.11 each to gamble, more than they have in the past five years. They stuck largely to the Strip, opting not to venture to downtown Fremont Street's casinos. They had little interest in comedy shows. But if they

had side-trips in mind, plenty planned to see the Grand Canyon up close during their visit.

All in all, 96 percent said they had a good time.

Of those who were only "somewhat satisfied" with their trip, 4 percent told surveyors they simply "don't like Las Vegas." Just 10 people of the few thousand surveyed last year said they were dissatisfied with their trip. The place was "too expensive" or "too intense," they said.

The agency released its latest visitor survey statistics this week providing a glimpse of some of the 41.1 million people who visited in 2014 via in-person interviews with a sample that omit any locals, anyone younger than 21 years old and anyone who has more than a day left in his or her Vegas visit.

Scott Russell, senior manager of research for the convention and visitors authority, said the information helps the agency hone its message when reaching visitors.

While an average age of 45 might not seem overly young, it is and might be the youngest ever, said Rob Dondero, with the authority's hired marketing firm R&R Partners behind the "What happens here, stays here" slogan, charged with reaching out to a variety of generations.

For one, 21 to 29 year olds account for 17 percent of tourists now versus 10 percent in 2010.

In with the young, out with the old reliable money-makers such as gambling. Fewer people, about 12 percent, said they came to Vegas primarily to gamble.

Nation

In Iowa, Clinton lays out tenets of 2016 campaign

MONTICELLO, Iowa (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton declared herself a "champion" for struggling families Tuesday, offering a full-throated embrace of economic and good-government policies promoted by liberal Democrats at the first formal event of her young presidential campaign.

"I think it's fair to say that as you look across the country, the deck is still stacked in favor of those already at the top," Clinton said during a discussion with students and teachers at a community college in rural Iowa. "There's something wrong with that."

After a morning stop at a coffee shop in the Mississippi River town of LeClaire, Clinton arrived in this town of a few thousand people to lay out four pillars for her candidacy: a need to build "the economy of tomorrow, not yesterday,"

strengthen families, fix a dysfunctional government and protect the country from threats at home and abroad.

And though she's running in what's expected to become the most expensive election in U.S. history, Clinton embraced the idea of a constitutional amendment to get "unaccountable money" out of the county's campaign finance system.

Clinton didn't get into any specifics Tuesday about how she would achieve her goals, promising she would unveil policy specifics in the coming weeks.

Instead, it was a day for political messaging, as Clinton sought to quell skepticism from liberals in her party who question her commitment to tackling income inequality by providing a progressive rationale for her candidacy.

Not all were sold, includ-



Hillary Clinton
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• Senator from New York 2001-2009
• Secretary of State 2009-2013

Source: U.S. Congress

ing some past allies. As Clinton spoke in Iowa, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who ran her campaign for Senate in New York, refused to endorse her, saying he wanted to hear more about her policy positions.

Spring Break madness cure: Stop the 'beer, vomit and urine'

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Tourism officials who survived Florida's other Spring Break fevers are ready to help Panama City Beach out of the horror show that led to a woman being sexually assaulted on the sand as hundreds of revelers looked on.

"Shame on Panama City Beach for letting itself devolve into what it has become," said Nicki E. Grossman, now president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

She said she's sending a letter to her Panama City Beach counterparts describing just how her city did it.

"Beer, vomit and urine, that's not what we wanted," Grossman said.

Her recommendation: Clamp down and seek a higher-spending clientele. Enforce tighter beach drinking rules, eliminate traffic patterns that encourage cruising, and invest in tourism infrastructure. These moves helped turn Fort Lauderdale's image around and multiplied its spring-break economy tenfold, she said.

Authorities in Bay County, which includes Panama City Beach, are already taking some of these steps. The Tourist Development Council voted Tuesday to spend \$120,000 more on security, to help deputies enforce a new ban on alcohol consumption on the city and county's beaches between March 1 and April 18.

The ban took effect April 1, in the midst of a Spring Break that now attracts 300,000 partiers and generates millions in revenue each year.

Businesses that profit from an anything-goes atmosphere are going to fight this crackdown, Bay County Commissioner Mike Thomas as predicted.

Some clubs make \$40,000 to \$50,000 a night just in cover charges to people under 21, and some hotels do half their annual business during Spring Break alone, he said.

"They not going give that up without a fight," Thomas said. "It is hard to have family squabbles like this but our house got messed up and we got to clean it up."

Millionaire Robert Durst pleads not guilty to federal charge

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Jailed millionaire Robert Durst pleaded not guilty Tuesday to the newest charge against him: a federal charge of possessing a gun after a felony conviction.

U.S. District Judge Lance Africk set a trial date for June 22 before Judge Helen "Ginger" Berrigan.

Durst's defense team is also adding David Chesnoff, whose celebrity clients have included Motley Crue singer Vince Neil, pop singer Bruno Mars, boxer Mike Tyson, and businesswoman Martha Stewart. Motions filed Tuesday ask permission for him to represent Durst in federal district court.

Durst is an estranged member of the wealthy family that operates 1 World Trade

Center. He also faces a murder charge in California and two state weapons charges in Louisiana—one of possessing a .38-caliber revolver after a felony conviction and one of possessing the firearm along with an illegal drug: about 5 ounces of marijuana.

Durst pleaded guilty to two federal charges in Pennsylvania in 2004: possessing a firearm while a fugitive and while under indictment. However, his lawyers say those convictions don't make it illegal for him to carry a gun under Louisiana law.

The weapons arrest has kept Durst in New Orleans even though he waived extradition to California, where he's charged in the December 2000 death of 55-year-old Susan Berman, a

longtime friend—allegedly because she was going to talk to investigators about the disappearance of his first wife in 1982.

He was arrested early March 15, less than 12 hours before HBO aired the final segment of "The Jinx," in which—off camera in a bathroom but with the microphone still live—Durst whispers, "There it is. You're caught!" After about 10 other short sentences and disjointed phrases, he says, "What the hell did I do? Killed them all, of course."

Tuesday's hearing had its own bizarre moment when prosecutor Mike McMahon asked Durst if he understood the maximum penalties he faced if convicted. Durst responded: "And you are?"

Asia

Classrooms are shrine, refuge after S. Korean ferry disaster



In this April 8, 2015, photo, flowers, letters and gifts are left on victims' desks at a classroom at Danwon High School in Ansan, south of Seoul, South Korea. AP

ANSAN, South Korea (AP)—Surrounded by the buzz of regular school life, a few classrooms at Danwon High School stand apart. They have become part shrine, part refuge, part confessional.

One year ago a ferry carrying 325 second-year students on a field trip to a southern island sank; only 75 survived. The classrooms in this city about an hour south of Seoul have barely changed from the day the students left for the trip.

A dusty piece of paper pinned to a bulletin board shows school meals for that month. The daily cleaning checklist, where each student showed with a colored dot when they'd completed a task, stops at April 14, two days before the sinking.

Outside the classrooms, as the light from the late afternoon sun fades, the school is flooded with messages, letters and gifts from the city of Ansan, the country and the world. No window or wall escapes scribbled notes, Post-its, letters. The hallway is filled with boxes of small paper cranes, yellow ribbons and huge papers with messages of sadness and grief—a shrine for

the dead teachers and students, most of whom waited inside the sinking ferry for help or instructions while the ship's captain and crewmembers escaped to a coast guard rescue boat.

A banner on the school gate reads: "I will never forget you." Yellow banners are tied to the trees lining the roads outside the school, each with messages from parents who lost children.

Despite the examples of grief, the school and students seem to have found a way to coexist with the memories of those who died, even to have embraced the painful past. What may look morbid to outsiders—empty classrooms with flowers, letters and gifts for the dead students—is part of these students' school life, a place where they can go for a quick catch-up with friends, a place they once shared with those who've died.

Outside, the setting sun filters through the paper-thin pink and white blossoms of the cherry trees. A boy in a uniform sits under a tree with his hands in his pockets, whispering something to a girl standing nearby. They ignore visiting TV cameras, an

intrusion they've grown used to since the sinking captured the nation's attention a year ago.

In one of the preserved classrooms, four boys sit at one desk with their heads together, going over something intently. They once studied here as well; they are among the survivors of the sinking and have recently entered their third year at Danwon.

As one stands up and walks to a teacher's podium to place an envelope there, the others pick up their backpacks and get ready to leave.

When asked what they're doing, one of them says simply, "It's my classroom."

A student who identifies herself as Soobin leaves Post-it messages each day she visits a dead friend's empty desk, which Soobin had cleaned. One of her messages apologizes for not visiting more often. She has also left several unopened letters.

There's a birthday cake box left unopened on one desk. Bags of potato chips and cans of soda on another. A picture of students in uniform. A plant with a note that says when it was last watered and when it will need more.

invasion of Turkey's Gallipoli peninsula on April 25, 1915. While a resounding defeat for the multinational British Empire force, the anniversary of the start of the nine-month campaign has become a major national day for both Australians and New Zealanders.

Bribery claims linked to officials close to S. Korean leader

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean President Park Geun-hye faced charges Wednesday that members of her administration received bribes from a businessman found dead in an apparent suicide last week.

A Seoul prosecution official said that an investigation team has been formed to look into suspicions that Prime Minister Lee Wan Koo and presidential chief of staff Lee Byung Kee among other political figures received bribes from Sung Wan-jong, whose body was found with a note that listed names of eight individuals and alleged bribery sums. Hours before he was found dead in the capital Seoul last Thursday, Sung said in a telephone interview with a local newspaper that he gave 30 million won (\$27,390) to Prime Minister Lee in 2013, when Lee was then a candidate for Park's political party in a by-election.

World

Yemen al-Qaida branch says its top cleric is killed in drone attack

CAIRO (AP)—Yemen's al-Qaida branch announced on Tuesday that its top cleric, a Saudi-national who has had a \$5 million bounty on his head, has been killed, allegedly in a drone attack.

Al-Qaida said in a statement posted on Twitter that Ibrahim al-Rubaish was killed by a drone late on Sunday, along with other, unnamed members of the group. The statement did not specify the location of the drone attack.

Yemeni officials had no immediate comment on the claim and the White House declined to comment.

Al-Rubaish, believed to be in his late 30s, was released from Guantanamo Bay in 2006, after which he joined al-Qaida in Yemen. He was considered the group's the

main ideologue and theological adviser and his writings and sermons were prominent in its publications.

Last year, he hailed the seizure of large swaths of land in Iraq and Syria by al-Qaida's rival, the Islamic State group. "I ask God that efforts are united to target the enemies of the religion," he said in a video recording at the time.

If the drone attack is confirmed, it would be the first use of unmanned aircraft since Yemen sank further into turmoil last month, prompting a Saudi-led coalition to launch airstrikes on March 26 in an attempt to halt Yemen's Shiite rebels known as Houthis who have taken over much of the



Al-Rubaish

country.

The Houthi advance has also forced Yemen's Western-backed President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to flee the country as his government crumbled.

U.S. officials have said that the collapse of Hadi's government could undermine Washington's counterterrorism strategy against al-Qaida's branch in Yemen, known as Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. Washington considers the branch to be the most powerful in the terrorist network.

In late March, about 100 U.S. military advisers withdrew from the al-Annad air base where they had been leading the U.S. counterterrorism efforts in Yemen.

A year after kidnap of schoolgirls in Nigeria, hope dwindles

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—They have been gone a year now, the hundreds of girls abducted by Islamic militants from their school in northeastern Nigeria.

And while the cry to "Bring Back Our Girls" remains a worldwide cause, the new president Tuesday would not repeat his predecessor's failed promise to find them—only that they won't be forgotten.

A solemn march was held to remember the 219 girls seized from their boarding school in Chibok by gunmen from the Boko Haram extremist group. In Nigeria's capital of Abuja, 219 girls paraded in the streets, with each carrying a placard bearing the name of a kidnap victim.

"We believe the girls are

still alive," said Dr. Allan Manasseh, the brother of missing 18-year-old Maryamu Wavi, in an interview with The Associated Press.

But it was clear that hope has dwindled a year after the April 14-15 mass abduction.

President-elect Muhammadu Buhari said he must be honest about the prospects of getting the missing girls back to their families.

"We do not know if the Chibok girls can be rescued. Their whereabouts remain unknown," Buhari said in a statement. "As much as I wish to, I cannot promise that we can find them."

The statement by Buhari, a former military ruler of Nigeria who was elected last month

and takes over May 29, is a marked departure from President Goodluck Jonathan. After Jonathan's administration initially denied there had even been a kidnapping, he made repeated hollow promises that the girls would be rescued.

Campaigners have replaced the slogan of "Bring Back Our Girls—Now and Alive!" with a new one: "Never to be forgotten."

Still, some of the marchers Tuesday held the new leadership accountable.

"We are here to appeal to the government to do better. We want our girls now and alive," said Solamipe Onifade, 16.

A vigil was held after sundown, with people holding candles and singing.

Cubans hail removal from US list of state terrorism sponsors

HAVANA (AP)—Cuban officials and ordinary citizens alike hailed the island's removal from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism, saying the move by President Barack Obama heals a decades-old insult to national pride and clears the way to swiftly restore diplomatic relations.

"The Cuban government recognizes the president of the United States' just decision to take Cuba off a list in which it should never have been included," Josefina Vidal, Cuba's top diplomat for U.S. affairs, said Tuesday night.

Cuban and U.S. foreign-policy experts said the two governments appeared to have taken a major leap toward the reopening of embassies in Havana and Washington after four months of complex and occasionally

frustrating negotiations.

"This is important because it speaks to Obama's desire to keep moving forward," said Esteban Morales, a political science professor at the University of Havana. "Now there are no political obstacles. What remains are organizational and technical problems, which can be resolved."

In a message to Congress, Obama said Tuesday that Cuba's government "has not provided any support for international terrorism" over the last six months and has given "assurances that it will not support acts of international terrorism in the future."

Cuba will officially be removed from the terrorism list 45 days after the president's message was sent to Congress. Lawmakers could vote to block the move during that window, though Obama

would be all but certain to veto such a measure.

What remains to be seen in coming weeks is whether Cuba will allow U.S. diplomats to move around Cuba and maintain contacts with citizens including dissidents, the second point of contention in the negotiations on restoring full diplomatic relations.

Cuba is highly sensitive to any indication the U.S. is supporting domestic dissent and that issue may prove considerably tougher than amending the terrorism list. The Obama administration made little pretense in recent years that it believed Cuba was supporting terrorism.

Cuba was put on the list in 1982 because of what the U.S. said were its efforts "to promote armed revolution by organizations that used terrorism."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Australian supermarket shuts website in Veterans' Day furor

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—The government has ordered Australia's biggest supermarket chain to pull down a website that has been widely accused of commercializing Australia's Veterans' Day near its centenary. Woolworths, which brands itself as "The Fresh Food People," briefly launched a website "Fresh in Our Memories" late Tuesday to commemorate ANZAC Day on April 25. ANZAC stands for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which was part of a disastrous British-led ground

Environment

US sardine season called off amid population decline

By JEFF BARNARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fisheries managers have decided to call off the U.S. West Coast sardine fishing season that starts in July because of rapidly dwindling numbers, hoping to save the industry from the kind of collapse that hit in the 1940s and lasted 50 years.

Meeting outside Santa Rosa, California, the Pacific Fishery Management Council voted Sunday to close the season starting July 1.

Made famous by John Steinbeck's novel "Cannery Row," the once-thriving sardine industry crashed in the 1940s.

It revived in the 1990s when fisheries developed in Oregon and Washington waters, but population estimates have been declining since 2006, and catch values since 2012. The reasons are not well-understood, though it is widely accepted that huge swings in populations are natural, and generally are related to water temperatures.

Estimates of sardine abundance have now fallen below the level for a mandatory fishing shutdown, so the industry had little choice.

"We know boats will be tied



AP
This Aug. 22, 2007 file photo shows freshly caught sardines awaiting sorting at West Bay Marketing in Astoria, Ore.

up, but the goal here is to return this to a productive fishery," David Crabbe, a council member and commercial fishing boat owner, said in a statement.

The council next will decide whether overfishing has been a factor in the latest collapse, which could trigger an emergency shutdown of the current season, which runs through June. It votes Wednesday.

Council member Frank Lockhart of NOAA Fisheries Service noted that several other fisheries—such as salmon, lingcod and rockfish—have recovered after going through steep declines.

Today, about 100 boats have permits to fish for sardines on the West Coast, about half the number during the heyday. Much of the catch, landed from

Mexico to British Columbia, is exported to Asia and Europe, where some is canned, and the rest goes for bait.

West Coast landings have risen from a value of \$1.4 million in 1991 to a peak of \$21

million in 2012, but are again declining.

Geoff Shester, California campaign director for the conservation group Oceana, said this is the first shutdown of sardine fishing on the West Coast

since the council began regulating harvests in 2000. He added the fishery should have been shut down years ago, when it first became clear more fish were being harvested than reproduced.

Shester said every ton of sardines left in the ocean is important as a food source for other wildlife and as a foundation for rebuilding the population.

The council allowed some sardines to be caught inadvertently in the course of related fisheries but reduced the amount. That means boats targeting anchovies, mackerel and herring won't have to stop fishing but could run up against limits in sardines caught that would shut them down, as well.

The council also allowed the Quinault tribe in Washington state to go ahead with a small sardine fishery.

UN chief to open Vatican climate change conference

NEW YORK (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will open a key Vatican meeting this month on Pope Francis' highly anticipated teaching document on climate change.

The U.N. chief will join American economist Jeffrey Sachs and the pope's top representative on the environment, Cardinal Peter Turkson, at the April 28 event in Rome. Turkson, head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, helped write the first draft of the pope's encyclical on global warming and the environment, which is scheduled to be released in June or July.

The conference was announced on the websites for the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences and the Vatican's "End Slavery" initiative. Called "Protect the Earth, Dignify Humanity," the event will feature scientists and

world religious leaders, aiming to build a global movement toward curbing climate change, according to the online program. Speakers will have "a special focus on the most vulnerable, to elevate the moral dimensions of protecting the environment in advance of the papal encyclical," according to the program.

While Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI took strong stands in favor of environmental protection, Francis will be the first to address climate change in such a significant way. Encyclicals are theological documents traditionally used for the most important papal teachings.

Environmental groups are thrilled that the pope is putting his popularity and moral authority behind fighting global warming, but climate change skeptics have been critical, accusing the pontiff of addressing

an issue beyond his understanding. Francis has said global warming is "mostly" man-made. And he said he wanted his encyclical out in time to be absorbed before the next round of U.N. climate change talks in Paris in November.

Turkson has been giving talks widely considered to be previews of the upcoming papal document. The cardinal has written a new book called "Land and Food," which he will introduce Thursday at an event alongside U.N. officials. The book covers some of the key issues the encyclical is expected to cover, including the right to food and the exploitation of natural resources, alongside core points in church teaching on creation and bioethics. The book includes policy recommendations, such as investing in improved education for businesses, political and financial leaders.

Sumatran elephant found dead without tusks in Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP)—A Sumatran elephant has been found dead in Indonesia's Aceh province with its tusks cut off, raising suspicion it was killed by poachers.

Genman Sefti Hasibuan, head of the local Conservation and Natural Resources Agency said the carcass of the estimated 25-year-old male elephant was discovered Monday inside a palm oil plantation in Karang Hampa village in West Aceh District.

It was reported to have been rotten and missing its tusks, Hasibuan said Tuesday. Vil-

lagers estimated it died four to five days earlier from gunshot wounds.

It was the first elephant death in Aceh this year, Hasibuan said, adding that a team has been sent to the area for investigation.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature listed the animals as "critically endangered" after their numbers dropped to between 2,400 and 2,800 from an estimated 5,000 in 1985.

Environmentalists say the elephants could be extinct within three decades unless they are

protected.

Sumatra's elephants sometimes venture into populated areas searching for food due to destruction of their habitat. Some are shot or poisoned with cyanide-laced fruit, while others are killed by poachers for their ivory.

In February, police in Riau province arrested eight members of a poaching syndicate and confiscated tusks worth more than \$30,000, following the arrest of a local tusks buyer. The group admitted to have killed at least six elephants in Riau and neighboring Jambi provinces.

First Year Death Anniversary

†Cynthia
Taisacan
San Nicolas

We, the family of the late †Cynthia Taisacan San Nicolas would like to invite all our families, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Death Anniversary of our beloved's passing unto eternal life.

Holy Mass of Intention is being offered nightly at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at the following schedule:

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 17, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, 2015 – 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Monday, April 20, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

On the final day, April 22, 2015 dinner will be served after Mass at Mr. & Mrs. Gordon/Gema Taitingfong's residence at Kagman III.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank You & Si Yu'us Ma'ase
The Family



In Celebration of Her New Life

† *Fidelia Sablan Salas*

April 24, 1929 – April 12, 2015

In Her New life, She now joins her:

Husband: †Jesus Taitano Salas
Father: †Jose Sablan Sablan
Mother: †Nieves Camacho Sablan
Father In Law: †Juan Rabago Salas
Mother In Law: †Carmen Taitano Salas
Sons: †William S. Salas
 †Jose S. Salas
Grandson: †Vinson Josh DLG. Salas

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children and Grandchildren:

Jose Quintanilla and Daughter
 †William S. Salas and Children
 Francisco S. & Rosa M. Salas and Children
 Ramon S. Salas & Evelyn M. Takai and Children
 Vicente S. & Joaquina DLG. Salas and Children
 Joseph S. Salas & Osa and Children
 Lillian S. & Larry Laveque and Children
 Juan S. Salas & Alicia S. Atalig and Children

Reared Daughter:

Bernadita C. & Pete Itibus and Children

Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:

†Oswald & †Josepha Sablan; †Esperanza & †Mariano Cabrera;
 †Francisco C. & Regina L. Sablan; †Carmen S. & Antonio Reyes;
 Rosa S. & William Torres; †Felipe C. & Joaquina Sablan;
 Pedro C. & †Alejandra Sablan; †Jose C. & Antonia Sablan; †Maria C. Sablan; †Juan C. Sablan

†Vicente C. & †Magdalena T. Salas; †Ignacio & †Gloria M. Celis;
 †Francisco & †Francisca S. Celis; †Obit & †Francisca S. Celis; †Rosa & †Regino Mundo;
 †Dolores S. & †Ramon T. Palacios; †Jose T. & †Margarita V. Salas;
 Maria S. & †Vicente P. Delos Reyes; Joaquin T. & Maria (Meng) D. Salas;
 Antonio T. & Evelyn S. Salas; †Juan T. & †Bernadita R. Salas;
 †Nicolas T. & Tinidad (Tannie) DLC. Salas; Rosalia S. & Jesus T. Guerrero

She will also be missed by her numerous relatives and friends.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of Her soul are being celebrated daily at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 11:00 am to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Service will be at 11:15 am followed by Holy Rosary at 11:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00pm followed by Interment Service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband †Jesus.

Please join us in prayers,

Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

*From the Family of the late †Jesus Taitano Salas
 and the late †Fidelia Sablan Salas*



Life & Style

Pew Research Center: Teens still use Facebook

NEW YORK (AP)—Remember those declarations that teens are done with Facebook? Think again.

Facebook remains the most used social media site among American teens ages 13 to 17, according to a new study from the Pew Research Center. And, surprisingly, boys visit the site more often than girls.

Aided hugely by smartphones and other mobile devices, 71 percent of teens surveyed said they use Facebook, with the same percentage saying they use more than one social network of seven options they were asked about.

Half the teens said they also use Instagram and four in 10 said they used Snapchat, according to the study released April 9.

Among 22 percent of teens who use just one site, 66 percent use Facebook, 13 percent use Google Plus, 13 percent are Instagram users and 3 percent use Snapchat.

The Pew center didn't compare the latest survey to its previous studies on the subject because it switched its national representative sample from telephone interviews to an online format, potentially skewing results when com-

parisons are made.

The latest study points to Facebook as a dominant force in teens' online lives even as Instagram and Snapchat have gained momentum.

Facebook was the site they used most frequently, at 41 percent, followed by Instagram at 20 percent and Snapchat at 11 percent. Boys are more likely than girls to report they visit Facebook most often—at 45 percent versus 36 percent of girls.

Pew's data also revealed a distinct pattern in social media use by socio-economic status.

Teens from households with earnings of less than \$50,000 are more likely to use Facebook the most—49 percent compared with 37 percent of teens from households with earnings of \$50,000 or more.

As far as how much time is spent on social media, 24 percent of teens overall go online "almost constantly," the study said, with 56 percent saying they go online several times a day and 12 percent reporting once-a-day use.

Among other sites the 1,060 teens were asked about are Twitter, Vine and Tumblr. Thirty-three percent said they use Twitter and Google Plus, while 24 percent said they use Vine and 14 percent said Tumblr.

Six percent said they use Twitter most often.

This Feb. 19, 2014 file photo shows the Facebook app icons on an iPhone in New York.

BESTSELLERS LIST

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending April 13, 2015:

TOP SONGS

1. See You Again (feat. Charlie Puth), Wiz Khalifa
2. Uptown Funk (feat. Bruno Mars), Mark Ronson
3. Sugar, Maroon 5
4. Shut Up and Dance, WALK THE MOON
5. GDFR (feat. Sage the Gemini & Lookas), Flo Rida
6. Earned It, The Weeknd
7. Trap Queen, Fetty Wap
8. Chains, Nick Jonas
9. Love Me Like You Do, Ellie Goulding
10. Want to Want Me, Jason Derulo

TOP ALBUMS

1. Furious 7, Various Artists
2. Cherry Bomb, Tyler, The Creator
3. Future Hearts, All Time Low
4. The Album About Nothing, Wale
5. To Pimp a Butterfly, Kendrick Lamar
6. If You're Reading This It's Too Late, Drake
7. American Beauty / American Psycho, Fall Out Boy
8. 1989, Taylor Swift
9. V, Maroon 5
10. Smoke + Mirrors, Imagine Dragons

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending April 13, 2015:

TOP PAID IPHONE APPS

1. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Emoji ;), Emoji+
3. Heads Up! Warner Bros.
4. Five Nights at Freddy's 3, Scott Cawthon
5. NBA JAM by EA SPORTS, Electronic Arts
6. Facetime, Lightricks Ltd.
7. Trivia Crack (Ad Free), Etermax
8. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
9. Enlight, Lightricks Ltd.
10. Afterlight, Afterlight Collective, Inc

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS

1. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
2. Facebook Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
3. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
4. YouTube, Google, Inc.
5. Snapchat, Snapchat, Inc.
6. MORTAL KOMBAT X, Warner Bros.
7. Dubsplash, Mobile Motion GmbH
8. Pandora Radio, Pandora Media, Inc.
9. Google Maps, Google, Inc.
10. HBO NOW, HBO

TOP PAID IPAD APPS

1. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Five Nights at Freddy's 3, Scott Cawthon
3. Toca Kitchen 2, Toca Boca AB
4. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
5. My Friend Scooby-Doo!, Warner Bros.
6. Attack the Light - Steven Universe Light RPG, Cartoon Network
7. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
8. Five Nights at Freddy's 2, Scott Cawthon
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Survivalcraft, Igor Kalicinski

TOP FREE IPAD APPS

1. MORTAL KOMBAT X, Warner Bros.
2. HBO NOW, HBO
3. YouTube, Google, Inc.
4. Facebook Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
5. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
7. Pinterest, Pinterest, Inc.
8. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Corporation
9. Skype for iPad, Skype Communications S.a.r.l
10. Crossy Road - Endless Arcade Hopper, HIPSTER WHALE

The top 10 books on Apple's iBooks-US for the week ending April 13, 2015:

TOP PAID BOOKS

1. The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins - 9780698185395 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
2. The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks - 9781455520664 - (Grand Central Publishing)
3. The Stranger by Harlan Coben - 9780698186200 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
4. Paper Towns by John Green - 9781101010938 - (Penguin Young Readers Group)
5. NYPD Red 3 by James Patterson & Marshall Karp - 9780316284561 - (Little, Brown and Company)
6. Forgiveness by Chiquis Rivera - 9781501104831 - (Atria Books)
7. Hot Pursuit by Stuart Woods - 9780698154162 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
8. All I Ever Need Is You by Bella Andre - 9781938127595 - (Oak Press, LLC)
9. Outlander by Diana Gabaldon - 9780440335160 - (Random House Publishing Group)
10. The Residence by Kate Andersen Brower - 9780062305213 - (Harper)

Pinto on 'Desert Dancer,' responsible roles and rape doc

NEW YORK (AP)—While Freida Pinto doesn't see herself as a role model, the 30-year-old actress understands there's a huge responsibility that goes with being in the public eye. That's why she regards every film role as a potential catalyst for change.

"One of the reasons I do a film like 'Desert Dancer' is that I hope it starts a global conversation," Pinto said.

The film is based on Iranian dancer Afshin Ghaffarian, who risked his life by simply forming an underground dance company. He eventually sought political asylum in France.

Pinto finds it hard to believe that people can be punished for making art, but is not entirely surprised by it.

"I never thought that six kids that make a music video to Pharrell's 'Happy' could get arrested, either," Pinto said, referring to an incident that happened last year in Iran.

In "Desert Dancer," which expands to additional theaters on Friday, Pinto plays a fellow dancer who escapes her oppression by smoking heroin. Ghaffarian has said in his memoir that heroin use is unofficially promoted by the Iranian regime to keep students docile.

Recently, Pinto sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the film,

the kind of roles that are important to her, and her support for the banned documentary "India's Daughter," which tells the story of the brutal gang rape of Jyoti Singh. The remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

Associated Press: Dance is something we take for granted, but in Iran, it can result in beatings and imprisonment. Were you surprised by the film?

Pinto: The relevance to making this film to what is happening today is something that I did not expect.

... I think the one thing that I took away from it was immense gratitude for the fact that I don't have to go through it every day. I don't have to think twice before I decide to do some kind of movement, or the clothes I choose to wear.

AP: How much did you dance to make it seem so natural?

Pinto: A lot of training. A lot of hard work and a lot of bruises. It was all very important and pivotal to get me to this stage where I was actually comfortable with putting myself on camera.

AP: The characters you play al-

ways seem to fight some form of oppression.

Pinto: I think protest is part of everybody's life. Whether it is on a political level, a social everyday level or on an economic level. The fact that women in our industry are fighting for equal pay is also a form of protest. I feel it's very representative of wanting to move to the next level. And in order to do that, you have to stand up against something.

AP: This time you play an Iranian.

Pinto: Every time I pick a character that is not my ethnicity, which everybody knows I'm Indian, they're probably expecting me to play the Indian, but I don't want to do that. Because when I wake up in the morning, the first word in my head does not pop up Indian. I feel I'm a girl, I'm a woman who belongs to this world, and if I can physically fit into some characters, I want to play them all.

AP: Shifting gears, you recently participated in a discussion for the documentary "India's Daughter," which was banned in India. What are your thoughts?

growth," said IFPI chief executive Frances Moore.

But she said that the industry was missing out on revenue because some platforms including YouTube are exempt from copyright laws applied to music-streaming services like Spotify—despite having many more users.

Moore said laws should be changed to fix this "value gap."

"It's not something the industry can fix, it's something that government can fix," she said.



Pinto

Industry: Digital music sales match physical for 1st time

LONDON (AP)—Revenue from digital music matched that from physical albums and discs for the first time in 2014, a global industry body said Tuesday.

The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry's annual report said digital and physical sales each accounted for 46 percent of the \$14.97 billion in global music revenues. Income from performance rights and synchronization revenue made up the rest.

The old-fashioned vinyl format

has had a renaissance and now accounts for 2 percent of revenues.

Total revenue was down 0.4 percent from 2013, but the group said the overall picture for the industry was positive.

The federation said the rise of subscription music services was driving digital growth, and there was "substantial untapped potential for growth" in the paid-for streaming sector.

"Music companies are charting a path to sustainable year-on-year

YouTube said "we pay hundreds of millions of dollars to the music industry every year, have deals in place with hundreds of independent and major labels around the world, and provide rights-holders with tools to control their copyrighted work."

The report also named the year's top-selling album—the "Frozen" soundtrack, which sold 10 million copies. Pharrell Williams' "Happy" was the top single, selling 13.9 million copies.

'Game of Thrones' hit by piracy from Twitter-owned app users

LOS ANGELES (AP)—HBO's "Game of Thrones" has the dubious honor of being popular with both pirates and viewers.

After its fifth season began Sunday, users of a Twitter-owned live-streaming app shared the fantasy drama.

HBO said Tuesday it sent "take down" notices to Periscope, the app that allows video streaming from users' phones to their Twitter followers.

Twitter, which recently ac-

quired Periscope, said the app complies with U.S. copyright law and will respond to valid take-down requests.

On Monday, HBO said four unaired "Game of Thrones" episodes that were leaked online had come from within a group authorized to receive preview DVDs.

The unrelated incidents don't appear to have hurt the show's ratings. HBO hasn't released figures, but reports say nearly 8 million viewers tuned in to the

premiere, the best start yet for the series based on the works of George R.R. Martin.

HBO indirectly chided Periscope, saying in a statement that app developers should have

tools to "proactively prevent mass copyright infringement" and not rely solely on being notified after such incidents occur.

Neither HBO nor Twitter had further comment on the issue.

But in a Periscope copyright policy posted online, the company said it expects users to respect intellectual property rights and asks those alleging copyright infringement to contact it

with details and proof.

The policy also says that Periscope reserves the right to remove such content without prior notice and to terminate the account of a "repeat infringer."

Brody Jenner to host E!'s 'Sex with Brody' call-in talk show

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Yet another member of the Jenner-Kardashian clan is getting a TV show.

The E! Entertainment channel said Tuesday that Brody Jenner will host a call-in talk show titled "Sex With Brody."

The show is based on a podcast by Jenner, who is described by the cable channel as a "sex enthusiast" and TV personality.

The son of Bruce Jenner,



Brody Jenner has been featured in reality shows including "The Hills" and "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," the E! series that features members of his extended family, including Kim Kardashian.

On "Sex With Brody," he will be joined by therapist Mike Dow and actress and comedian Stevie Ryan to discuss sex, love and relationships. The series will debut July 10 and four episodes are planned, E! said in a release.

Rita Wilson recovering after double mastectomy

NEW YORK (AP)—Rita Wilson is recovering after undergoing a bilateral mastectomy for breast cancer.

The 58-year-old actress and singer, who had been appearing in Larry David's play "Fish in the Dark" on Broadway, will return May 5, according to her publicist, Heidi Schaeffer.

Wilson, in a statement to People magazine, said Tuesday that she is expected to make a full recovery and credited get-



ting a doctor's second opinion after initial breast biopsies found no cancer.

"You have nothing to lose if both opinions match up for the good, and everything to gain if something that was missed is found, which does happen. Early diagnosis is key," she said.

Wilson made her Broadway debut as Roxie Hart in "Chicago" in 2006 and has been in "Dinner With Friends" in Los Angeles and Boston.

UN chief gives 007 a special mission—to eliminate mines

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Daniel Craig, who won international acclaim playing James Bond, received a special mission on Tuesday when Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed the actor as the first U.N. Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards.

In a brief ceremony at U.N.

headquarters, Ban thanked Craig for his commitment to support the U.N.'s vision for a world free from the threat of land mines and explosive remnants of war.

"Along with moviegoers worldwide, I have been on the edge of my seat watching Mr. Craig, as James Bond, defuse ticking time-bombs with sec-

onds to spare," the secretary-general said. "I am even more excited that Mr. Craig has agreed to use his star power to draw attention to the noble causes of mine destruction and mine awareness."

He said Craig's designation as a global advocate for three years was one of a number of events organized to observe

the 10th anniversary of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

Craig toured an exhibit at the U.N. on the impact of mines, and Ban said he hoped his efforts would raise awareness of efforts to rid the world of mines and raise political and financial support.



In this photo provided by the United Nations, U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, right, presents actor Daniel Craig, center, with a document designating him as the UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards, at United Nations headquarters, Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

Girl's embarrassment is signal it's time for a shaving lesson

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about one of our daughters (we have three). Our 8-year-old is very hairy. It is noticeable, and she doesn't like wearing shorts, skirts or dresses because of it. Her classmates tease her about it.

I want to teach her how to shave her legs or show her how to use hair remover. Her father is angry that I want to "do this" to his little girl.

I was a hairy child as well, and I was teased about my hairy legs and my unibrow, which my parents wouldn't let me shave or pluck. I remember how painful it was, how upset it made me and how different I felt from my classmates because of it. I told myself as a child that when I grew up, I'd never let my daughter go through the same torment. I still feel that way.

Should we wait a few more years, or should I buy the products I need and teach her what she'll be doing for the rest of her life?

HAIRY SITUATION IN ARIZONA

DEAR H.S.: Your husband may mean well, but he may not realize what being the object of ridicule can do to a little girl's self-esteem. You're that child's mother, and you know what to do—so do it. Sometimes girls have to stick together, and this is one of them.

DEAR ABBY: After 26 years of marriage, I recently left my husband. We live only a few blocks away from each other, so we run into each other often at the store, the gas station, everywhere.

My problem is more about running into some of the women he cheated on me with. One of them always ends up at the same shopping center or restaurant I happen to be at. She thinks I don't know who she is.

At first I didn't want to say anything to her, but now it has really gotten to me. What can I tell her the next time she meets up with me? I want to keep myself from yelling at her. Please help me.

CAN'T FIND THE WORDS IN HOUSTON

DEAR CAN'T: You don't know whether the woman your ex cheated with is stable or some kind of wing nut. Sometimes it's safer not to be able to "find the words" rather than pick a fight. My advice is to avoid her as much as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a long international flight. The man sitting next to me coughed during the eight-hour flight without once covering his mouth.

What is a polite way to tell someone to cover his/her mouth when coughing? Two days into my trip, I developed a fever and a bad cough, so it seems he passed his illness on to me.

FEVERISH FLIER

DEAR ABBY

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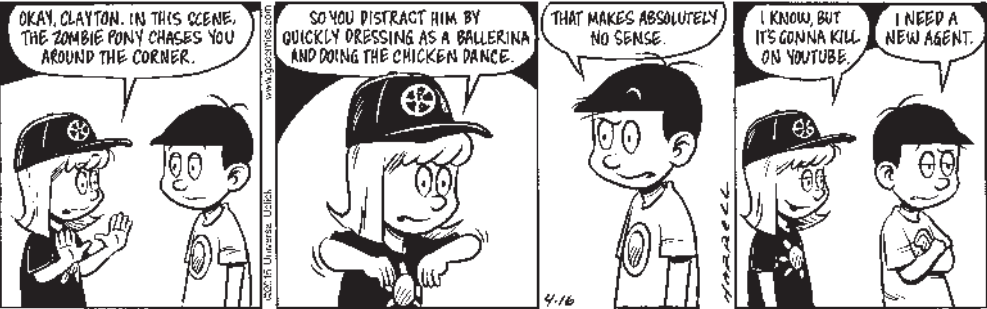
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37 Caustic solution

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Happy Birthday: Take an aggressive approach to getting your life in order personally and professionally. Address issues that have been pending and you will be able to resolve issues that are playing on your mind and holding you back. Put an end to old conditions while you begin new endeavors. Money, contracts and raising your standard of living should be your focus. Your numbers are 6, 11, 18, 23, 25, 34, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your energy and enthusiasm will give you the edge you need to get ahead. Don't let your impatience ruin an opportunity. Channel your skills and expertise into what you want to achieve. Efficiency and focus will bring stellar results. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay dialed in or you will miss the obvious. Take care of your responsibilities before you opt to have fun. Rumors, gossip and disclosing personal information will be necessary to avoid getting entangled in a situation that can only lead to regret. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get down to business by putting the changes you want to make into motion. Lend a helping hand to someone you know can contribute to a goal you want to reach. Sorrow will prevail if you don't honor a promise. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for ways to use your skills and experience wisely. You don't have to make impulsive changes in order to impress someone. Focus more on using your imagination and savoring the things you enjoy doing most. Take care of health issues. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't debate what you want to do—bring about change that will help you reach your goals. Not everyone will agree with you, but arguing is a waste of time. Set your sights on your destination and finish what you start. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone will interest you in a project, philosophy or skill you'd like to acquire. You should be able to make a personal improvement that will help you get ahead or push you in a direction that offers greater stability. ★★★

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being honest about what you have to offer will allow you to move forward at a steady pace. Be leery of anyone making promises that sound too good to be true. Being realistic will help you avoid trouble. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

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Pacers survive scare with double OT win over Wizards



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—C.J. Miles and George Hill helped Indiana survive Part I of its playoff push Tuesday night.

Now comes the harder part—making the red-eye flight to Memphis and doing it all over again less than 24 hours later.

At least the Pacers still have a chance. Miles scored 25 points, Hill added 24 and together they spurred a 7-2 run to open the second overtime and keep Indiana's playoff hopes alive with a critical come-from-behind 99-95 victory over Washington.

"Just all-out heart, and determination, and will, and perseverance, and not quitting," coach Frank Vogel said. "We got down so many times and had so many opportunities to give in. They just persevered through it."

It took everything the Pacers (38-43) had.

Paul George played a season-high 17 minutes, 46 minutes, almost three full minutes longer than planned. His 20-foot pull-up jumper tied the score at 85 with 22.4 seconds to go in the first overtime.

Miles and David West each played more than 40 minutes and helped fuel the final scoring flurry. Hill wound up playing a little more than 48 minutes—more than anybody on either team—despite going 2 of 10 on 3-pointers, the second one sealing the win with 27.8 seconds left in the game.

So after playing nearly 3 1/2 hours of real time and standing around to sign autographs afterward for Fan Appreciation Night, the Pacers walked into the locker room at 11:33. They were greeted by this message on the dry erase board: Plane 12:15, fluids, carbs, compression tightens.

Now the question is whether Indiana has enough energy to beat a Western Conference foe that is still fighting for playoff positioning?

"Going to have to, we have no choice," West said after scoring 15 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

Indiana has been in desperation mode for the past two weeks.

Since losing nine of 11 and nearly



Indiana Pacers guard C.J. Miles (0) celebrates with guard Rodney Stuckey (2) during the second overtime period of an NBA basketball game against the Washington Wizards in Indianapolis, Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

falling out of playoff contention, the Pacers have won six straight to put themselves on the precipice of making the postseason for the fifth straight year. Brooklyn's loss Monday allowed Indiana to move into the eighth and final spot in the East. All they need now is a win at Memphis or a loss by the Nets.

And nobody wanted to leave the Pacers behind more than Washington (46-35), which was eliminated by Indiana in last season's playoffs.

For most of the night, the Wizards had Indiana right where they wanted.

Dunks were blocked. Long-range shots turned into air balls. Mid-range

shots bounced hard off the backboard, and passes inexplicably went out of bounds or into the hands of Wizards defenders.

Yet, somehow, the Pacers found a way to overcome all those problems when they needed it most.

"It gets you ready," Washington coach Randy Wittman said. "This was a playoff atmosphere that we're going to face Saturday or Sunday. I thought it was a good test."

Marcin Gortat and Bradley Beal each scored 19 points for the Wizards. John Wall added 16 points and 11 assists, though he was just 7 of 23 from

the field and 0 for 5 on 3-pointers.

But they made it a grind for the Pacers, whose hopes appeared doomed with a 70-61 deficit with 7:07 left in regulation.

Indiana charged back to take a 79-75 lead, then gave it right back and watched Wall the score again at 81 on a layup with 51.7 seconds to go. The Wizards had two shots to win it in regulation, but the go-ahead tip-in was ruled to come after the buzzer. A replay review confirmed the call.

In the first overtime, the teams combined for just three baskets, but the Wizards never trailed.

Hill broke the 85-85 tie with a 15-

foot jumper, Miles followed that with a 3 from the left corner and Hill made a nifty pass to West for a layup just before he would have been called for a five-second call. That made 92-87. Hill's late 3 sealed it.

"It was a game that we needed," George said. "It's survival mode. We've got to get this (next) win."

Clippers 112, Suns 101

In Phoenix, Chris Paul's 22 points, including six 3-pointers, led the Clippers over the injury-depleted Suns in LA's final regular-season game before the NBA playoffs.

The Clippers clinched the West's No. 3 seed with the win.

Blake Griffin hit his first six shots on his way to 20 points as Clippers coach Doc Rivers played his starters major minutes with a higher playoff seeding on the line. DeAndre Jordan had 13 points and 14 rebounds, setting the Clippers' single-season record for rebounds in a season.

Los Angeles (56-26) can finish with the No. 2 seed if the San Antonio Spurs and Houston Rockets lose their final games Wednesday.

The Suns were down to eight available players, Archie Goodwin leading Phoenix with a season-high 18 points.

Celtics 95, Raptors 93

In Boston, Jae Crowder hit an off-balance fall-away from deep on the right wing with .8 seconds left that secured the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference for the Celtics.

Evan Turner and Avery Bradley each scored 14 points for Boston, which will face No. 2 seed Cleveland in the playoffs. Brandon Bass added 13 points and nine rebounds.

It was the fifth straight win for the Celtics, who clinched a playoff spot on Monday when Brooklyn lost.

Kyle Lowry had 16 points for the Raptors, who are locked into the fourth seed and will face Washington. Toronto beat the Wizards in all three meetings this season.

Lou Williams also had 16 points for Toronto, Terrence Ross scored 12 and Jonas Valanciunas' 11.

Hawks player blames NYC police for 'significant injury'

ATLANTA (AP)—Atlanta Hawks player Thabo Sefolosha said Tuesday he is in "great pain" and blamed New York City police for causing a "significant injury" that knocked him out for the season.

The backup forward sustained a fractured right lower leg and ligament damage while being arrested with teammate Pero Antic outside a Manhattan nightclub while the Hawks were in the city to face the Brooklyn Nets last week.

Sefolosha won't return until next season, costing the top-seeded Hawks a strong perimeter defender heading into the playoffs.

"On advice of counsel, I hope you can appreciate that I cannot discuss the facts of the case. Those questions will be answered by my attorney in a court of law," Sefolosha said after practice, reading from a statement in his first public comments since the incident. "I will simply say that I am in great pain, have experienced a significant injury, and that the injury was caused by the police."

He also said this "has been a difficult time for me and I truly appreciate the support I have received from everyone. I am extremely disappointed that I will not be able to join my teammates on the



Atlanta Hawks NBA basketball player Thabo Sefolosha leaves a courthouse in New York, Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

court during the playoffs and apologize to them for any distraction this incident has caused. I will be cheering for them every step of the way and will be dili-

gent in my rehabilitation." Antic and Sefolosha were at the scene early last Wednesday when Indiana Pacers forward Chris Copeland was stabbed out-

side the nightclub. The Hawks players were charged with obstructing authorities and disorderly conduct, though Antic said they weren't even with Copeland when the stabbing occurred.

"We don't have nothing to do with what happened with that," Antic said last week. "We weren't together. We didn't even see the guy and whatever happened, happened way before."

Copeland, his girlfriend and another woman were stabbed. Copeland underwent surgery and a 22-year-old suspect was taken into custody.

Sefolosha declined to answer most questions from reporters after his statement. When asked about a video that surfaced online allegedly showing the police striking him in the leg with a baton, he said, "I don't want to go into details on anything but I think the video speaks for itself."

Sefolosha said he will undergo surgery in the next few days and had a better timetable on his return for next season.

"I am disappointed that I will miss the playoffs. I hate this feeling that I'm letting my teammates down," he said. "At the same time, I can't speak too much on it. I just hate the bad look it gives on the team."

Antic, a backup center, said he and Sefolosha were not trying to shield police or onlookers from Copeland.

"I would say that it's a pure example of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," Antic said. "I mean, people know Thabo for so many years in the league. He's probably one of the greatest guys."

The NBA players union said it was investigating the arrests. An attorney for the players, Alex Spiro, said they did nothing wrong and that he expects the charges to be dropped.

Both were released without bail. Sefolosha was limping noticeably during his court appearance.

"The players union is concerned about the circumstances of Thabo Sefolosha and Pero Antic's arrest," National Basketball Players Association spokeswoman Tara Greco said.

The Hawks (60-21) have set a franchise record for wins and have the top seed in the conference playoffs for only the second time since moving to Atlanta in 1968. The loss of Sefolosha came with the Hawks already dealing with the loss of All-Star forward Paul Millsap with a sprained right shoulder.

Millsap practiced Tuesday and may be able to play in the regular-season finale Wednesday at Chicago.

The Hawks will host Game 1 of the playoffs either Saturday or Sunday.

Red Sox capitalize on poor fielding, top Nationals, 8-7



BOSTON

(AP)—Two errors by pitcher Blake Treinen allowed Boston to erase a seventh-inning deficit, and the Red Sox won 8-7 on Tuesday night as the Washington Nationals struggled in the field for the second straight game.

Boston went ahead with three unearned runs without a hit in the inning, which included three errors.

Hanley Ramirez reached first base on a fielding error by shortstop Ian Desmond before Shane Victorino was hit by a pitch from left-hander Matt Thornton. After Mike Napoli's flyout sent Ramirez to third, Treinen replaced Thornton and hit Allen Craig, loading the bases.

Treinen (0-1) fielded Ryan Hanigan's bouncer in front of the plate, dropped the ball as Ramirez scored, then threw it past catcher Wilson Ramos as Victorino came home with the tying run. Craig scored the go-ahead run on Brock Holt's groundout.

In Boston's 9-4 win Monday, the Red Sox took an 8-0 lead in a four-run third when center fielder Michael A. Taylor allowed a ball drop next to him on the center-field track, Harper and Taylor had one fall between them, and Desmond didn't handle Mookie Betts' grounder in the hole with the bases loaded.

Boston third baseman Pablo Sandoval left Tuesday's game in the top of the sixth with a bruised left foot after being hit by a pitch in the bottom of the third. Dustin Pedroia hit his

third homer this season.

Edward Mujica (1-0) got the win and Koji Uehara got his first save, one day after being activated from the disabled list.

Nationals starter Stephen Strasburg allowed five runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings, leaving him with a 6.75 ERA.

Washington reached Justin Masterson for six runs in the fifth as they sent 10 batters to the plate.

Masterson retired leadoff hitter Yunel Escobar then loaded the bases when he hit Jayson Werth with a pitch, gave up a single to Harper and walked Ryan Zimmerman. Clint Robinson then singled in a run and another scored when Ramos grounded out. Desmond doubled in two runs before a triple by Taylor drove in two more, putting Washington ahead 7-5.

Nationals' Jayson Werth played his second straight game after being activated from the DL following right shoulder surgery in January. He batted second, went 0 for 4 and is 0 for 7 this year.

Boston's Xander Bogaerts missed the game with a sore right knee, while Brandon Workman visited orthopedist Dr. James Andrews to check on his right elbow. Workman has been with Triple-A Pawtucket this season after going 1-10 with a 5.17 ERA last season in 19 games for Boston.

Orioles 4, Yankees 3

In Baltimore, Miguel Gonzalez (1-1) struck out a career-high 10 batters over seven innings, allowing one run and four hits.



AP
Boston Red Sox's Daniel Nava slides under the tag of Washington Nationals third baseman Yunel Escobar as he advances to third on a single by Ryan Hanigan in the third inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

Adam Jones homered and drove in two runs for the Orioles, and Zach Britton got four outs for his second save.

CC Sabathia (0-2) yielded four runs and seven hits in seven innings. Although he is 18-7 against the Orioles, the left-hander is 0-5 with a 5.48 ERA in his last seven starts in Baltimore.

Tigers 2, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Shane Greene (2-0) allowed three hits over eight innings, including a pair of infield singles, as Detroit rebounded from its first loss to improve to 7-1.

Greene has allowed only one unearned run in 16 innings through his first two starts.

Rajai Davis singled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh off A.J. Burnett (0-1), and Ian Kinsler add an RBI single in the eighth.

Joakim Soria pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

Mets 6, Phillies 5

In New York, Matt Harvey won his first home start in almost 20 months, and Lucas Duda hit a three-run double.

Daniel Murphy homered over the right-center fence that was brought in 3 to 11 feet this season at Citi Field. But it wasn't all good news for New York: David Wright (right hamstring) and Michael Cuddyer (bruised left hand) left with injuries.

Chase Utley homered twice for Philadelphia and hit an RBI single after entering 2 for 22 (.091). He also was hit in the back by a 95 mph fastball from Harvey (2-0)—after Phillies starter David Buchanan (0-2) plunked Wilmer Flores and Cuddyer in the second, both on the left hand.

Harvey (2-0), back from Tommy John surgery, gave up three runs and five hits in six innings with eight strikeouts.

Rays 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Desmond Jennings hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning off Miguel

Castro (0-1), helping Tampa Bay to its fourth straight win.

Steven Souza homered in the first inning and, with the score 2-all, reached on a bunt single off leading off the eighth.

Steve Geltz (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for his first major league win. Kevin Jepsen pitched a hitless ninth for his first save this year.

White Sox 4, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Indians pitcher Carlos Carrasco (1-1) was struck in the face by Melky Cabrera's first-inning line drive and carted off the field. The Indians said X-rays of Carrasco, the club's No. 2 starter, were negative and he was being treated at Lutheran Hospital for a bruised jaw.

Jose Quintana (1-0) allowed three hits in six innings, struck out six and improved to 4-0 in 10 starts against the Indians. David Robertson struck out the side in the ninth for his second save.

Jose Abreu hit his second homer in the fifth for a 4-1 lead, giving Quintana more cushion than he would need. Cleveland managed just three hits and dropped its fourth straight.

Marlins 8, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Giancarlo Stanton broke out of a slump with three hits and four RBIs as Miami improved to 2-6. Stanton, who signed a record 13-year, \$325 million contract in November, began the game hitting just .130 with three RBIs in 23 at-bats.

Tom Koehler (1-1) gave up six hits, two runs and two walks with three strikeouts in 5 1-3 innings. Making his first start for Atlanta, Trevor Cahill (0-1) allowed four runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings.

Reds 3, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Anthony DeSclafani (1-0) earned his first win for Cincinnati, allowing two hits in seven scoreless innings.

Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his third save, stopping the Reds' three-game losing streak.

Joey Votto had two hits and drove in a run.

Pinch-hitter Wellington Castillo hit a two-run homer in the eighth off former Cubs closer Kevin Gregg.

Jake Arrieta (1-1) gave up three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Rangers 8, Angels 2

In Arlington, Texas, Robinson Chirinos had a career-high five RBIs with a home run and double. Elvis Andrus homered the sixth—Andrus had not homered in 481 at-bats since connecting May 21, the longest active homerless streak in the majors.

Nick Martinez (2-0) allowed one run—unearned—and five hits in seven innings, improving to 2-7 in home games in his season-plus big league career.

Drew Rucinski (0-1), who made his big league debut last year, gave up four runs, six hits and four walks in 2 2-3 innings in his first major league start.

Athletics 4, Astros 0

In Houston, rookie Kendall Graveman (1-1) yielded four hits in 5 1-3 innings for his first major league win, and four relievers completed the shutout.

Oakland led 1-0 in the sixth inning before an RBI double by Billy Butler that gave him the AL's only nine-game hitting streak.

Brad Peacock (0-1) allowed three runs and five hits in five-plus innings. He was activated from the disabled list following offseason hip surgery.

Padres 5, Diamondbacks 1

In San Diego, Odrisamer Despaigne pitched seven strong innings to help the Padres beat the Diamondbacks.

Despaigne (1-0) kept the Diamondbacks off-balance with an array of pitches from various arm angles. He allowed one run, two hits, two walks and one hit batter. He struck out three and at one point retired 10 straight batters. He was starting for the first time this season in place of the

injured Ian Kennedy.

Jeremy Hellickson (0-2), who settled down after a rocky first inning, lost in his first start at Petco Park.

Despaigne was effective at Petco last year and proved it again against the Diamondbacks. Last season he was 3-1 with a 1.69 ERA in eight home starts.

His velocity on Tuesday ranged from in the 60s to the 90s as he kept Arizona guessing at what would come next.

Rockies 4, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Colorado third baseman Nolan Arenado made a sensational falling catch over the tarp in foul territory and Corey Dickerson had an RBI single among his three hits as the Rockies established their best road start in franchise history with a win against the Giants.

A sprinting Arenado crashed into the tarp and went over the rail along the left-field line while catching a popup by Gregor Blanco in the eighth. He immediately made the throw from his knees while still on the tarp then toppled to the dirt. Center fielder Charlie Blackmon followed with his own gem when he chased down a deep fly at the fence to rob pinch-hitter Buster Posey to end the inning.

Scott Oberg (1-0) pitched the fifth for the win in his major league debut as the Rockies moved to 5-0 on the road to start a season for the first time.

Dodgers 6, Mariners 5

In Los Angeles, Howie Kendrick had a game-winning two-run single in the ninth against Seattle closer Fernando Rodney to lead the Dodgers to a victory over the Mariners.

Rodney (0-1), who led the majors last season with 48 saves, was charged with his first blown save in three attempts. Justin Turner started the rally with a leadoff single, took third on Jimmy Rollins' single and was erased in a rundown after third baseman Kyle Seager fielded Carl Crawford's single.

Adrian Gonzalez walked to load the bases and Kendrick slapped the next pitch the other way to right field to give the Dodgers their second walkoff win in two nights. On Monday, Alex Guerrero gave the Dodgers a 6-5 win with a bases-loaded RBI single in the 10th inning.

Yimi Garcia (2-0) recorded his second big league victory in as many nights with a perfect ninth inning.

SIDEBAR

Indians' Carlos Carrasco hit by line drive, bruises jaw

CLEVELAND (AP)—Carlos Carrasco's face was swollen. His jaw was sore. His head hurt.

He was lucky.

Carrasco didn't sustain any major injuries after being struck on the right side of the face with a line drive hit by Chicago's Melky Cabrera in the first inning of Cleveland's 4-1 loss to the White Sox.

Carrasco was carted off the field after he was flattened by the liner that glanced off his glove and right hand before smacking him on the right side of the face. The right-hander crumpled to the ground in front of the mound with his legs spread wide as manager Terry Francona and a trainer quickly raced out to check on him.

Following the game, Francona said X-rays and a CT scan on Carrasco were negative and he only suffered a bad bruise. Carrasco felt good enough to return to Progressive Field before the game ended. He'll be re-evaluated

on Wednesday.

"In the big picture, we dodged a really big bullet," Francona said. "Really fortunate."

With his concerned teammates gathered around him, Carrasco stayed on the ground for several minutes. Cabrera, holding his batting helmet, came out to the side of the mound to check on Carrasco as well, and White Sox center fielder Adam Eaton dropped to one knee at second base in prayer.

Carrasco was helped to his feet by two Indians trainers before walking slowly to the cart holding the left side of his face. As he was driven off, he was given a warm ovation by Cleveland fans following the scary incident.

"It was a very tough moment," said Cabrera, who was relieved to learn Carrasco was not hurt seriously. "It was real scary because it hit his face, but it's baseball. You can't control it once you hit the ball. I felt bad."

Joeten, Saipan Ice score easy wins

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Joeten Enterprises and Saipan Ice scored easy wins over separate opponents in the Inter Commercial Business Basketball League 2015 last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Joeten crushed Docomo Pacific, 80-60, to improve its record to 5-3, while Saipan Ice notched its second victory in six games after an 83-65 decision over Saipan Stevedore.



Docomo dropped to 1-6, while Saipan Stevedore suffered its sixth loss in eight games.

Joeten led from the start and was never threatened after that.

They entered the half-time break enjoying a 46-27 edge with the lead ballooning to 34 points, 68-34, after holding Docomo to a season-low 7 markers in the third.

Dixon Kwon scattered 18 points to lead five other Joeten players that turned in double figures.

Alex Lauron and Rocyl Rit-

al scored 12 points each, while Y.J. Nakayama, Jun Sambile, and Syl Teregeyo chipped in 10 apiece.

Lauron and Teregeyo also grabbed 10 rebounds each with the latter collecting five steals for his defensive efforts. Ferdie Tobias only scored 2 points but collared 8 boards.

Tony Diaz paced Docomo's losing cause with 21 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, and an assist with Robert Sanciango being the only other player that

reached twin digits with 18 markers.

It was the same story in the second game with Saipan Ice pulling away early before coasting to an 83-65 triumph.

Patrick Rotap scored 19 of his team's 25 first quarter points where Saipan Ice erected a 25-12 advantage. All five Saipan Ice players scored with Joel Fernandez and Ben Olopai having 2 apiece.

Rotap fired 8 3-pointers to finish with a season-high 46

points to lead all scorers. John Santy added 19 markers, 11 rebounds, and 5 steals, while Treat Kaipat also had 5 steals to go along with his 14 points.

Only four players scored for Saipan Stevedore with Ronald Colomia ending up with 27 and 11 rebounds, while Mike Olaitiman tallied 20 and 5 assists. Nathan Kapileo had an all-around game with 13 points, 10 rebounds, and 8 assists.

John Acosta had 5 markers, 9 boards, and issued 3 feeds also for Saipan Stevedore.

First Game

Joeten 80 – Kwon 18, Lau-

ron 12, Ritual 12, Nakayama 10, Sambile 10, Teregeyo 10, Benghit 3, Pua 3, Tobias 2.

Docomo 60 – Diaz 21, Sanciango 18, Hayes 8, White 5, Mendiola 4, Guerero 2, Sablan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-15, 46-27, 68-34, 80-60.

Second Game

Saipan Ice 83 – Rotap 46, Santy 19, Kaipat 14, Fernandez 2, Olopai 2.

Stevedore 65 – Colomia 27, Olaitiman 20, Kapileo 13, Acosta 5.

Scoring by quarters: 25-13, 41-27, 64-47, 83-65.



Saipan Ice's Ben Olopai, left, closely guards Mike Olaitiman of Saipan Stevedore in their game in the business caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MARPAC renews support for bowling

MARPAC-Budweiser officials renewed their commitment of support for bowling when it handed a check for its annual sponsorship to the Saipan Bowling Association and the Philippine Bowling Association of Saipan.

MARPAC resident manager Guy F. Pudney and MARPAC beverage and tobacco sales manager James K. Lee presented the \$6,000 check to SBA president Jerry Tan and SBA secretary general and league director Ross Zapanta.

The amount will cover the expenses of all tournaments and leagues organized by the SBA and the PBA as well as its membership fees to several international bowling associations. The SBA and PBA hosts two major tournaments each this year.

First on the SBA calendar is the annual CNMI May Masters Bowling tournament that will be held next month during the Memorial Day weekend from May 22 to 24.

The SBA also holds the monthly SBA-Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes for the whole year culminating with the annual year-ending tournament that will crown the King and Queen.

The 2015 season kicked off with Raymond Angeles winning back-to-back in January and February, while Diana

Camacho topped the women's side from February to March. Diane Chong was the female monthly winner in January while Robert Talavera topped March.

Simon Manacop and Camacho are the reigning King and Queen of the Lanes after ruling the season-ending roll-off held last Jan. 4 at the Saipan Bowling Center. Manacop and Camacho defeated Raymond Zapanta and Yho Villavicencio, respectively.

The PBA, on the other hand, will hold the PBA-Budweiser



MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney, from left, and beverage and tobacco sales manager James Lee, second left, present a check to SBA president Jerry Tan and secretary general Ross Zapanta.

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In the second game, it was all over right at the end of the first quarter with the Ol'Aces enjoying a whopping 35-point lead, 41-6.

The Ol'Aces' rousing start made it impossible for the young Gilas crew to cut the deficit to a decent number. Jesse Santos starred in the Ol'Aces' run at the get-go, dropping 17 points in the first 10 minutes of play and knocking in three triples.

Gilas was held to three field goals in the first canto off Ryan

Esmundo's pair of baskets and Lawrence Diyco's deuce. Gilas offensive misfortunes continued in the second period as it was limited to 4 points, while the Ol'Aces kept pouring in points to take a huge 74-10 halftime edge.

With the Ol'Aces' well-oiled offense, seven of their players scored in twin digits with Jesse Santos leading the way, tallying 25. Esmundo was the lone double figure scorer for Gilas with his 12 points.

First Game

Blue Haus 86 – Moises 22, Mendoza 19, Diaz 13, Buen-

abajo 11, Guiab 10, Factor 6, Santos 4.

Old'Aces 69 – Camacho 24, Rangamar 17, Renguul 14, Stole 8, Luzama 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-15, 38-28, 60-48, 86-69.

Second Game

Ol'Aces 130 – Je. Santos 25, Jo. Santos 18, Palino 14, Dizon 12, Muna 11, Lampkin 10, Jones 10, Yu 7, Nakashima 6.

Gilas 38 – Esmundo 12, Bondoc 8, Rangamar 5, Salalila 5, Diyco 4, Domingo 2, Espinosa 1, Bahillo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 41-6, 74-10, 97-21, 130-38.

MPU

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as got a goal from Joshua De Leon in the 76th minute or three minutes after Merrick Toves' shot put Kanoa on top. David Mafnas nailed the two other goals for Matansa, while Jelhere Yobech contributed one. Brian Lubao, Andruw Omelau, and Lukesh Lama were the other scorers for Kanoa.

Matansa scored first off Mafnas' conversion in the 28th minute and the team went on to take a 2-0 halftime lead after Yobech found the back of the net in the 39th. Matansa made it a 3-0 advantage off another Mafnas goal right in the opening minutes of the second half, while Kanoa finally lit up the

board when Lubao scored one minute later. Kanoa continued its recovery, thanks to Omelau and Lama's goals in the 53rd and 55th minute, respectively, and the team grabbed the lead, courtesy of Toves' shot in the 73rd before De Leon tied the count anew.

Meanwhile, MP United and Tan Holdings were also victorious in the boys U18 division games last Saturday.

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, MP United routed Matansa, 5-0, to improve to a 4-0-1 record and retain the No 2 spot in the team standings.

Greg Sablan registered the first two goals for MP United, which also drew one goal apiece from Jehn Joyner, Ke-

annu Diaz, and Kyle Chung. Sablan averted a scoreless first half when he tallied his first goal four minutes before the opening frame wrapped up. His second goal came in the 69th minute, while Joyner posted his lone shot in the 75th. Five minutes later, it was Diaz's turn to lit up the board, while Chung closed out for MP United in the 88th.

In the other boys U18 game played at the Oleai pitch, Sean Perez gained four goals to lift Tan Holdings to a 9-0 win over Paire.

Tan Holdings kept the top spot in the four-team field with its flawless 6-0-0 record. Cosmos Lim added two goals, while Joel Fruit, Mareko Tekopua, and Se Young Kim had one each in Tan Holdings' lopsided victory.

LEE

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she is always upbeat on the chances to duel junior players from other countries.

"By playing against them and watching their games, I get to pick up some techniques from them. Being exposed to this kind of tournament also gives me an opportunity to improve my skills," the Saipan Community School student said.

Asked if she is a bit intimidated by the much older and experienced players she may be meeting next month, Lee said she is not.

"I will just focus on my game and hopefully I could get past the first or second round," said Lee, who will join returnees Mikayla Lopez, Negahr Rastguiy, and Tammy Ackerman in

the Grade 5 tournament.

Several other junior players from the Commonwealth are expected to see action in the Junior ITF event that will run from May 19 to 24, but their names have yet to be released as interested participants have until next week to register.

Rastguiy will be playing both in the singles and doubles (with Lopez) events and likes her chances more in the latter.

"It will be tough to win in the singles, but I think we have a pretty good chance of prevailing in the doubles and getting some Junior ITF points," said Rastguiy.

The Marianas High School student teamed up with Lopez last year in beating Japan's Haruka Okawara and Minori Ot-suka, 6-3, 6-4, to notch ranking points and made it to the rank-

ing list, along with her doubles partner, Ackerman, Tommy Choi, and Colin Ramsey.

Meanwhile, the organizing Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association received the \$2,500 donation from title sponsor IT&E during a turnover ceremony early this week. IT&E executive director of Customer Operations Rob Harrell and general manager Rose Soledad presented the donation to NMITA official Jeff Race.

Besides IT&E, next month's tournament is also supported by the Marianas Visitors Authority, TSL Foundation/Tan Holdings, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Coca-Cola, AllStar Sports, and the Oceania Tennis Federation.

A total of 178 players from 31 countries have registered for the six-day competition.

3rd Annual HANMI Go-Kart Race

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A volunteer tries to help a Team Pacific Islands Club I member after he lost control of his Go-Kart in last Saturday's 3rd Annual HANMI Go-Kart Race at the Seaside Race Circuit.



A Team Fiesta I member steers his Go-Kart into a curve.



Two Team T Galleria members cruise along the racetrack.



Two members of Team PIC II heads for another lap.



A Kanoa Ladies team member skids to the side of the racetrack.



Team Hyatt I members steer their Go-Karts.



Crew checks the Go-Karts before Team Marianas Trekking heads out.



A Team Monster racer negotiates a turn.



Two Team Marpac members race close to each other.



A Team Fiesta II participant in action.



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Blowout wins for Ol'Aces, Blue Haus

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Blue Haus' Edsel Mendoza tries to power his way past the defense of the Old'Aces' Junior Renguul during the second quarter of their game in the Masters division of the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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Blue Haus and the Ol'Aces eased past their respective opponents in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Blue Haus defeated the Old'Aces, 86-69, to take the early lead in the Masters division as the former improved to a 2-0 record. In the U20 division, the Ol'Aces bounced back from their opening loss to the Sonics with a 130-38 thrashing of Gilas (0-2).

The Masters division leader recovered from a slow start,

as it turned a 14-15 deficit to a 38-28 halftime edge after capitalizing on the Old'Aces' failure to challenge Blue Haus' transition game. Ernie Moises and Edsel Mendoza scored on a couple of fastbreak plays in the second period to give Blue Haus a double-digit lead.

Blue Haus kept its safe dis-

tance in the third canto with Mendoza still having the hot hands, adding 8 more points and the rest of his teammates backing him up. Blue Haus increased its lead to 12 at the end of the third frame and countered the Old'Aces baskets in the fourth for the easy win.

Moises top-scored for Blue Haus with his 22 points, while Mendoza added 19. Three other Blue Haus players also finished in double figures with Tony Diaz contributing 13 and Matt Buenabajo and Junar Guiab registering 11 and 10, respectively.

Peter Camacho paced the Old'Aces with his 24 points, while Elias Rangamar chipped in 17.

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MPU, Tan Holdings-1 blank foes

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MP United Football Club and Tan Holdings-1 shut down their respective foes in the boys U15 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League over the weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

In last Friday's second game, MP United defeated Paire, 2-0, while in the lone match last Saturday, Tan Holdings-1 showed no love lost to sister team Tan Holdings-2, 13-0. In the other boys U15 tiff, Matansa and Kanoa engaged in a draw, 4-4.

With Tan Holdings-1 and MP United winning, they kept the Top 2 spots in the team standings with the former holding

an 8-0-0 win-draw-loss record and the latter earning a 7-0-1 card. Matansa is in third place with its 3-1-4 slate, followed by Paire (3-0-4), Kanoa (0-2-5), and Tan Holdings-2 (0-1-7).

Alex Park and Michael Lee scored the two goals in MP United's victory over Paire. Park drew first blood with his shot in the 25th minute, while Lee's goal came in the 75th.

In Tan Holdings-1's win, Mark Esalan stood at the forefront of the squad's demolition of Tan Holdings-2, hitting six goals. Anthony Fruit, Jherico Tiamzon, and Thaiphi Austria chipped in two goals each,

while Emmanuel Aniana added one.

Fruit put Tan Holdings-1 on the board with his goal in the eight minute, while Tiamzon had his first five minutes later. The division leader kept going with Esalan knocking in back-to-back goals, while Austria and Aniana tallied the last two to break the game wide open. Tan Holdings-1 remained on target in the second half, while Tan Holdings-2 failed to answer back.

In the Matansa-Kanoa stand-off, the former forced the draw

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Lee debuts in CNMI-hosted Jr. ITF tourney

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The CNMI's Carol Lee will be competing in the IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships for the first

time, making her one of the youngest players in next month's tournament.

"I am excited to be part of it and I am looking forward to the opportunity to challenge



off-island players," said the 13-year-old Lee, who missed the first two editions of the Junior ITF-ranking due to age requirements. The tournament accepts only players who are at least 13 years old by the time the competition starts.

Though Lee is not new to facing off-island players as she had competed in tournaments in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and the U.S., still

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Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race, center, receives a ceremonial check from IT&E executive director of Customer Operations Rob Harrell, left, and general manager Rose Soledad during the donation turnover ceremony early this week at the IT&E office.



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MP United FC's Alex Park, right, breaks away from the defense of a Paire player, center, during the second half of their boys U15 division game in the NMIFA youth league last Friday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.